

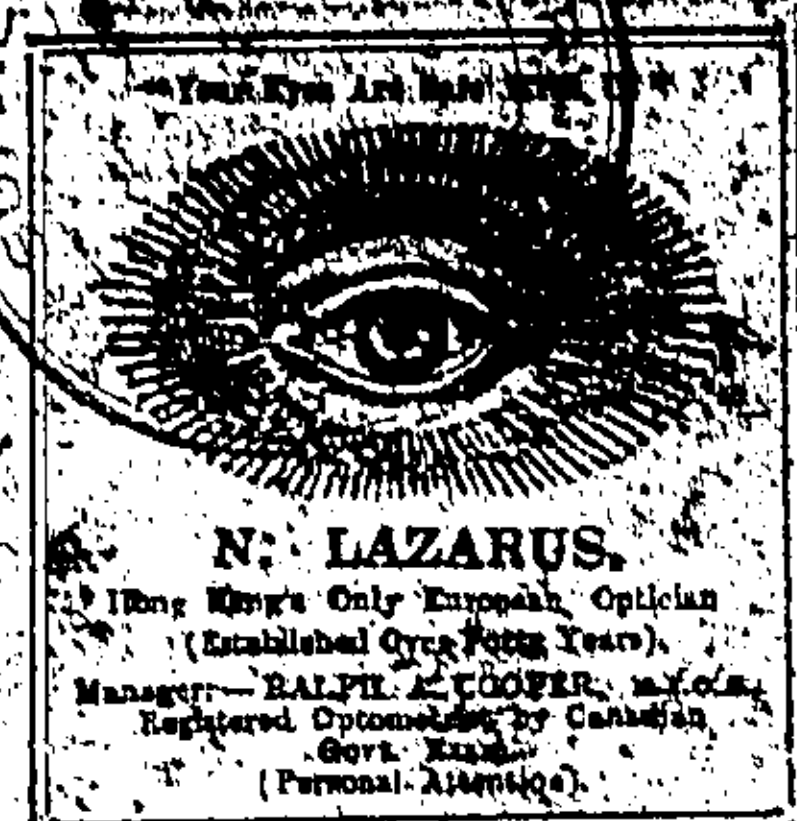
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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.45
Yanmat ...Dep.	6.40	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	4.42	5.50
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.02
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	5.07	6.15
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	5.11	6.19
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.30	—	10.03	10.45	12.45	2.01	—	5.21	6.30
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.35
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.45	—	10.20	11.01	12.57	2.12	—	5.32	6.41
Canton ...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Canton ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.24	11.08	1.17	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.31	—	1.14	2.55	4.38	5.58	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.44	—	1.19	3.00	4.42	6.00	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.40	8.28	10.56	—	1.29	3.12	5.02	6.10	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	1.25	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	1.29	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	1.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Shamshui ...Dep.	8.17	9.02	11.31	—	1.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.04

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
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LORD DERRY'S DAUGHTER KILLED OUT HUNTING.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, Dec. 3rd.

Widespread sympathy is felt for the Earl of Derby in the sad bereavement he has sustained by the death of his only daughter Lady Victoria Bullock. While out hunting with the Quorn she left the line taken by the remainder of the field and in passing under a low archway which carried a railway she struck her head against one of the girders of the bridge. Her horse was seen riderless, and on a search being made Lady Victoria was found unconscious with a fractured skull. At the time Lord Derby was on his way to the South of France, but a telegram reached him in Paris, and he returned by aeroplane, arriving just in time to see his daughter before she passed away. The Prince of Wales was hunting with the Quorn on the fatal day, and he was deeply grieved on hearing of the tragedy.

Lady Victoria Bullock was the close friend of Princess Mary and also one of the intimate friends of the Queen of Spain. She was noted as a charming hostess. Her first husband, the Hon. Neil Primrose, son of Lord Rosebery, was killed in action in France, and he left her the whole of his fortune. In 1919 when she married Captain Malcolm Bullock it was said that she was the richest bride of the year in England. Her elder daughter, Miss Ruth Primrose, now in her early teens, practically lives at the Durdans, near Epsom; as the constant companion of her aged grandfather, Lord Rosebery.

The Naval Base at Singapore.

According to the First Lord of the Admiralty the Singapore Naval Base will not be finished before 1937. He has also stated that the work has cost up to the present £22,287. The total estimate is £7,750,000, so that it would appear that only a comparatively small portion of this great undertaking has been completed. Originally the scheme was to have been finished in the space of ten years, but it will be recalled that the Labour Government refused to proceed with it while they were in office, and this caused a delay of twelve months.

The big floating dock ordered a year ago from Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, of Wallsend-on-Tyne, is to be finished early next year, and will be towed out to Singapore for completion. It will provide the largest accommodation for the largest ships in the British Navy. Tenders have been invited for the construction of a graving dock capable of taking two battleships at once. Unless something unforeseen happens—such, for instance, as the return of a Socialist Government, when the scheme might be hung up again—the plan when completed in full will give Singapore better accommodation for His Majesty's ships than any other naval base at home or abroad.

A Great Organizer.

Sir Robert Hudson, whose death is announced this week at the age of 63, will be remembered in political history as one of the great organizers of the Liberal party prior to its present eclipse by the Labour party. Following the disagreements of the chiefs after the South African War he set to work with such good effect that he made possible the Liberal successes of 1906 when the Conservatives suffered a debacle.

His name is also associated as a great organizer with the Red Cross in the European War. As chairman of the Joint Finance Committee of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance he supervised the Times fund, which was instrumental in raising the sum of twenty million pounds. The public heard nothing of Sir Robert Hudson in

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EMPIRE'S OLDEST ARISTOCRAT.

THE HON. KATHARINE PLUNKET.

AGE 103 OR 107?

Newry, Nov. 2nd.

The Hon. Katharine Plunket, of Rathmasanlan House, Co. Louth, celebrated her 107th birthday to-day.

That, at least, is the belief of her neighbours and of some of her books. Other reference books have other opinions.

"Delrett," for instance, states that she was born in 1824, and therefore she can be only 103 years of age. "Kelly's Handbook," on the other hand, gives the year of her birth as 1820. Her family declare that she was born in 1820.

Ireland is intensely proud of her, whatever her age may be. She remains a splendid figure, and her generosity is almost proverbial. Her most recent gift was for sufferers from the Irish famine disaster.

In Five Reigns.

Miss Plunket has travelled practically all over the world, and has the distinction of having lived in the reigns of five Sovereigns, and during the lifetime of six Kings. London was her home for many years, but she decided some time ago to return to her native land for the closing years of her life.

She has been confirmed for many years, but although physically weak, her mental faculties are as keen as ever, and she follows the news of the day with alert interest, reading without the aid of glasses.

She eats heartily, checks the food list of her household every day, and gives detailed instructions to her cook. She declares that she is better in health than she was two years ago.

these dark days between 1914 and 1918, but he supplied the stimulus and the enthusiasm as well as the organizing ability necessary to get this immense financial support. Since the war he had served as a member of the war Graves Commission, and also on the Voluntary Hospitals Commission.

He was a man of extreme modesty, refusing honours when they were being showered on other people who had not done half as much national service as himself, and it was under pressure that he accepted a Knighthood. In 1923 he married as his second wife Viscountess Northcliffe, widow of the newspaper magnate, who had been associated with him in Red Cross work.

The Lloyd George Fund.

Mr. Lloyd George has been obliged to "shoot Niagara" in regard to the election fund which he has under his personal control. It has been collected during the existence of the Coalition Government, and amounts to between three and four million pounds. For a long time criticisms have appeared in the newspapers about this huge sum of money being at the disposal of one man, because obviously it placed him in a position to dictate to the Liberal party—or what is left of it—and select the candidates who should be supported at elections.

He has no longer been able to withstand the pressure brought to bear on him, and the control of the fund is to be vested in four trustees.

The small and select band are Lord St. Davids, Sir R. Hutchings, Liberal M.P. for Montrose, Sir W. Edge, Liberal M.P. for Bosworth, and Sir Charles Barrie, a former Liberal M.P. I believe that Mr. Lloyd George was helped to a decision to relinquish his sole control of the millions by the significant fact that there have been organised attacks on Liberal candidates in the constituencies, who were being taunted with their dependence upon the goodwill of Mr. Lloyd George. It was something new in national politics to have the candidates of a "whole party" subject to the financial dictation of one individual, and indeed the position was intolerable. Lord Rosebery in a letter to the Press last January asked how the money was obtained, but the question has never been answered!—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Dep. H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Chief and Engine-Room Architects of the China Squadron, Andrew Ball, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste." World Theatre: "Back to God's Country."

Star Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Andor, Lyons), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Angara), 2 p.m.

Wednesday.

Interport Football Trial, H.K. F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club 1st XVs, Queen's Park, U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.

U.K. Nationalist Press Association Monthly Meeting, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, paper by Mr. J. B. Bush on "Restriction in modern times," 5.30 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste." World Theatre: "Back to God's Country."

Star Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

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Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Beau Geste." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off."

Friday.

Epiphany. Twelfth Day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marine Ground, 5 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. George's Society Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Out all Night." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off."

SATURDAY.

Epiphany. Twelfth Day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marine Ground, 5 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. George's Society Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

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MONDAY.

Epiphany. Twelfth Day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marine Ground, 5 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. George's Society Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Out all Night." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off."

TUESDAY.

Epiphany. Twelfth Day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marine Ground, 5 p.m.

Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m. St. George's Society Ball, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Out all Night." World Theatre: "The Eagle." Star Theatre: "The Show Off."

WEDNESDAY.

Epiphany. Twelfth Day.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5.30-8.30 p.m.; Hockey: Club "A" v. 5/2 Punjabis, Marine Ground, 5 p.m.

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THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND
EVOLUTION.NO CONTRADICTION BETWEEN SCIENCE AND
RELIGION.

The first number of the new series of *The Rock*, a local publication under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church, contains a most interesting article in the attitude of that Church towards the theory of Evolution. Science and religion, it states, being both of God in no way contradict each other. There is nothing contrary to Christian doctrine in the theory of evolution. But on the other hand the Roman Catholic Church regards it as unproven by the evidence to hand St. Augustine, it is pointed out, had a very clear conception of the evolutionary theory fifteen hundred years ago.

It is difficult to avoid the suspicion that the publicity given to any attempt to explain the origin of life arises from other causes than the pure love of scientific truth. For many the very existence of life on this planet is a proof of the existence of a Creator. On the other hand there are others who appear to consider that the production of living matter from non-living constituents would be a terrible blow to religious beliefs. This accounts for the flutter in rationalistic circles when claims to have produced life in a test-tube are put forward. Similar remarks apply to the question of the origin of man. The difference between the two cases is that one can be controlled by experiment while the other cannot. On the other hand it is also true that religious teachers and preachers as a rule lose no opportunity of combatting the possibility of the production of life from non-life.

It has even happened that these teachers have been more zealous than the Church itself in maintaining their opinions. It is well to remember that the Church has never made any declaration as to the origin of living matter. Were some chemist to demonstrate the production of life in his laboratory from genuinely non-living materials the Church would regard such an occurrence without the slightest alarm. In fact it is only in comparatively recent times that proofs of the existence of God have been deduced from the negation of spontaneous generation. And indeed the negation of spontaneous generation rests not on any dogmatic statement but on the absence of any scientific proof of its occurrence. It is not too much to say that serious biologists are becoming more and more convinced that there is such a chasm between living and non-living things that it will never be bridged. The Church looks on the matter as she does on any other matter of scientific interest, strong in her knowledge that there can never be any contradiction between science and religion, since both are concerned with realities which are equally of God.

One would suppose that serious scientists would realise this fact when dealing with these questions. Yet we find some of them acting as if they expected to overthrow the teachings of religion by their scientific theories. So long as scientists confine their assertions to matters of established facts borne out by definite experimental proof then they will be always listened to with respect. But when, as is becoming unfortunately too common nowadays in more than one department of knowledge, scientists assert as facts what at most are more or less probable hypotheses, they must not expect thoughtful people to take them seriously.

In no branch of knowledge is this tendency more noticeable than in what is now designated by the imposing name of *anthropology*. The theory of evolution is especially chosen as a fertile field for speculation. The usual method employed by modern writers who favour the doctrine of evolution is to remark casually in the beginning of their article that the final proofs have not for the moment come to hand, and then to proceed as if mere matters of surmise were established facts.

A good example of this kind of thing is to be found in the case of Dr. Barnes, the present Protestant Bishop of Birmingham. On the occasion of the meeting of the British Association in 1920 a sermon was preached by him. This preacher is a distinguished pure mathematician, and was then Canon of Westminster and an F.R.S. Having stated *en passant* that "evolution was, and still is, not an observed fact, but a very probable theory," he proceeded to say: "Evolution seemed disastrous to the faith two generations ago, because men fixed their attention narrowly on but one part of the process. Now a wider vista seems to be coming into view, as theories are tested by experiment and unified by speculative reason. From some fundamental stuff in the universe electrons arose. From them came matter. From matter life emerged. From life came minds. From minds spirit-

ual consciousness developed. At every stage in this vast process and progress, something new has come, we know not how, into existence. There was a time when matter, and the soul of man, were not; but now they are. Each has arisen as part of a vast scheme planned by God. And the soul of man is the glory of the whole design."

It is to be noted that in this passage each one of the statements is nothing more than a matter of opinion. The whole conception here set out may be very beautiful, but there is no solid proof for any one of them. In fact St. Augustine himself seems to have held very similar views fifteen hundred years ago: "Did the works enumerated in the *Hexameron* appear instantly, or were they produced successively, or again, if we see anything fulfil in time that which its nature demands, did this come from those innate qualities which God implanted, as in a germ, in the very act of creation itself?" (*De Genesim ad litteram*, B.K. IV. ch. 33).

When therefore a president of the British Association treats us to a dissertation on what he has been pleased to call Darwinism "we naturally ask him for his proofs. These so-called proofs are mere surmises, and depend altogether on a certain similarity between certain elements in man and in certain kinds of apes. The stir caused by Sir Arthur Keith's address on the question of Darwinism is clearly due to other causes than the love of science. Catholics were naturally interested to hear what Sir Arthur had to say after the severe handling he had received at the hands of Mr. Belloc, who proved that he was not abreast of the most recent literature on the subject. Not only Catholics but all thoughtful people must have been disappointed with this paper. In the first place there is nothing new whatever in the evidence brought forward. We are as far as ever from the missing link. Again the paper had nothing to do with Darwinism as properly understood. The address was a general treatment of the subject of evolution with the assertion that somehow or other man derives his origin from a family of apes now extinct.

The only startling novelty in this address was the conclusion that the brain of a man and of a monkey differ in size. He concludes that the mind of a man and of a monkey only differ in the same way, and that, presumably, man's monkeys have brains as large as men's. This is very poor kind of reasoning to put before an intelligent audience. The most uneducated person, who is familiar with the ways of monkeys and of men will have no difficulty in seeing that monkeys and men differ in so many ways that the statement is absurd. It is not so much the different kind of things which monkeys and men do which should be compared but rather the manner in which they do it. One in fact acts like a reasonable being, the other like an irrational animal.

This address does not in the least attempt to defend the chief theory of Darwin, which is now rejected by all unbiased authorities, that of Natural Selection. This was Darwin's principal contribution to the story of evolution. Mendel about the same time contributed other laws to the theory of descent. Those of the Abbot Mendel are becoming more and more important in their application. Those of Darwin are kept alive by a kind of artificial respiration.

Even so Darwin's defenders are not always fair to his memory. He was a great man and had wider horizons than many of his defenders; Sir Arthur Keith was guilty of a strange oversight when he omitted the words of Darwin, which he never altered even in the latest edition of his great work *The Origin of Species*: "There is grandeur in this view of life with its several powers, having been breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; that whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to a fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning, endless forms, most beautiful, and most wonderful, have been and are being evolved."

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As the time approaches for the opening of the primary election campaign, the signs point to a division into three groups which presume to interpret President Coolidge's Black Hills statement that he does not choose to run for re-election next year.

All of the groups contend that Mr. Coolidge meant that he desires to leave the White House on March 4th, 1929, but at that point agreement ends and speculation begins, in the absence of any authorized indications from the president as to what he thinks about the agitation which his announcement has caused throughout the country.

The first group believes that, while Mr. Coolidge's personal wish is to retire, he can, and he will be obliged to, accept the nomination if it is tendered him.

The second believes that he has taken himself definitely out of the race and at the proper time will so reveal his position.

Rest Period Suggested.

The third believes he will not under any circumstances be a candidate next year, but may, after a four-year rest, accept the nomination in 1932 if there is a demand for him then.

Meanwhile, there seems to be no single topic which so much interests the public. Virtually no man, whether he is of important or unimportant station, is permitted to leave the White House without subjecting himself to efforts by newspaper men to draw him out on the political situation which has arisen from the President's statement. Most of them decline to comment at least on publication, and the press divide themselves into the three groups mentioned.

Although Senator Fies of Ohio, an administration stalwart, has come to personally that element in the republican party which believes not only that Mr. Coolidge has left the door open to accepting the nomination if it is tendered him but also that he will be drafted by the republican party, his following includes many prominent members of congress, the most notable recent additions being Representative Wood of Indiana, chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee.

Views Given Privately.

Mr. Wood contends that no President in recent years has had such a successful administration as Mr. Coolidge, that he is by far the strongest republican in the country, and that he will be compelled by the wish of the people to accept the nomination if he is selected at the next national convention.

There is little doubt, however, that the President has spoken privately to some of his cabinet members his wish to leave the White House. Frequently he has told them that he thinks "ten years is a long time to be President," and a very short time ago he is known to have amplified this more strongly, although his confidence declined to have his name disclosed or even to report the exact nature of the conversation.

Although the possibility of the President becoming a candidate in 1932, after a four-year lapse has been suggested privately by a number of Mr. Coolidge's friends, this theory was advanced prominently by J. Morton Howell, ex-minister to Egypt, who talked with the President about his statement. Mr. Howell declared that in his opinion Mr. Coolidge was definitely out of the race for 1932, but said he saw "no reason why he should not be available for 1932, especially since he is still a young man."

Smith's Chance.

Nomination of Governor Al Smith of New York as the democratic candidate for President would "simplify the situation" for the republicans, Senator Capper of Kansas said in Pittsburgh recently.

"If Governor Smith is nominated," said Senator Capper, "I do not believe he will carry a single state west of the Mississippi river. His nomination will simplify the problems of the republicans, although he will cause the party trouble in New York, New Jersey, possibly Massachusetts and in some industrial sections."

Senator Capper said the west would oppose Smith on the score of his stand on the prohibition question, because of his religion, and because he "has revealed no interest in the acute problems of the agricultural states."

Turning to the much-debated "I do not choose to run" statement of President Coolidge, Senator Capper said the people of the middle west have not accepted the declaration as final.

"I believe," he said, "that if the matter was put to a vote of the republican central committee of the states west of the Mississippi, President Coolidge would be their choice. My observations lead me to believe the people have not accepted his ultimatum as final."

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Queen's College.—Li Kai Yung (distinction in English, mathematics and physics).

Wah Yan College.—Kong Man In (distinction in mathematics, trigonometry and mechanics).

Diocesan Boys' School.—D. J. N. Anderson (distinction in English and mathematics); Albert Lee (distinction in English and trigonometry); H. L. Pau (distinction in English, physics and mechanics).

Central British School.—T. A. Payne (distinction in English mathematics and physics); S. R. Whitley (distinction in English and history).

Senior Local Honours.

Italian Convent.—Della Tossan. Diocesan Girls' School.—I. E. Gittins (qualified for matriculation, distinction in English, domestic science and Biblical knowledge).

Central British School.—E. L. Hayes (qualified for matriculation, distinction in English and arithmetic).

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Senior Local Pass List (Boys).

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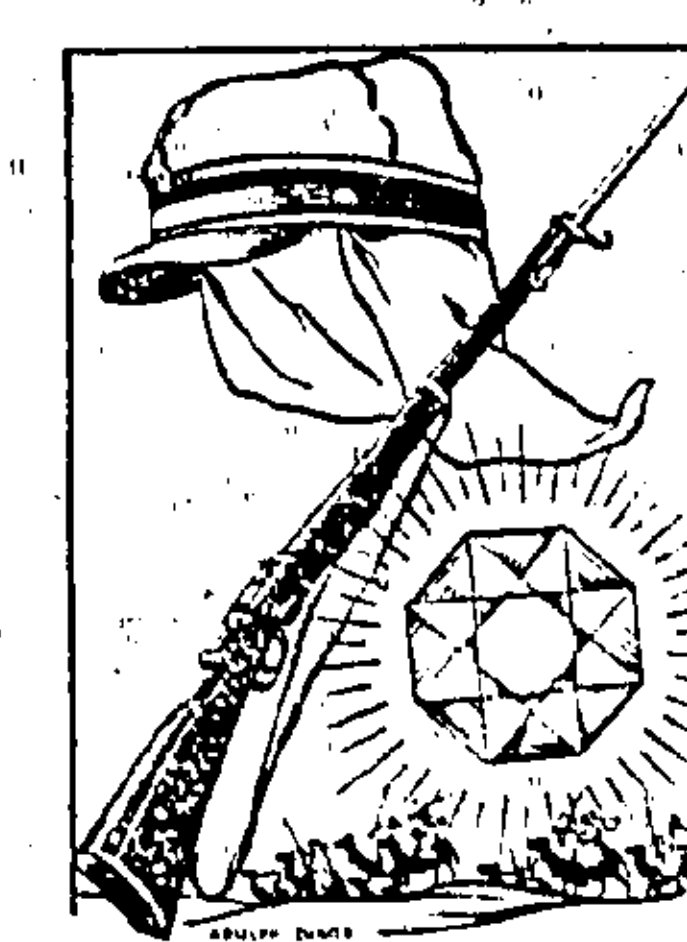
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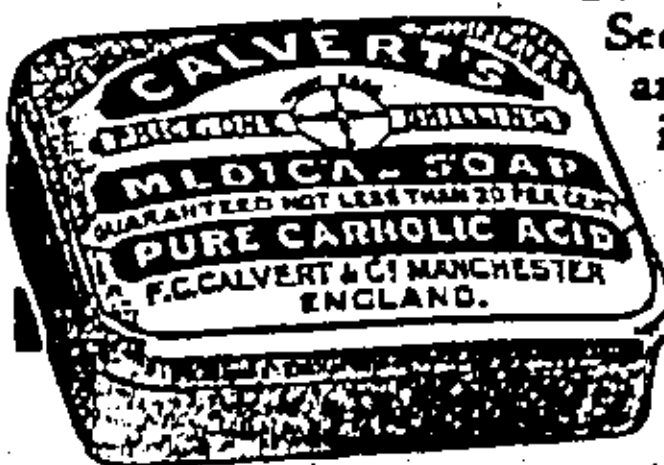
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CORRESPONDENCE.

PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I recently took the liberty of addressing you upon the subject of "Peace" and I feel that the message addressed to the citizens of London on Christmas Eve calls for a few observations.

The modern socialist, in his attack upon capitalism, has continuously taught that industry is organised by employers so as to rob the workman and the consumer, and upon this has been founded the doctrine which has been the cause of all the trouble in the past. Happily, however, there are now signs that the feud between capital and labour is coming to an end, and, as the new Lord Mayor points out, a new era of industrial peace is at hand. Even the extremists now appear to realise the folly of conflict. There are abundant signs that they are thinking of co-operation.

There is, and probably always will be, a certain amount of antagonism in the fixing of wages and, conditions of employment. Employers cannot neglect the view that in considering the price to be paid to labour, efficiency and constancy of production are matters of highest importance. These are, or should be, more readily obtained from workers who are paid adequate wages and who live and work under reasonable conditions. Once the wages and conditions have been settled, the prosperity of the industry is the vital concern of both employer and employee. Its expansion is the means by which better wages and conditions of employment can alone be obtained, and by which an increasing band of workers can be absorbed into an industry.

In the old days of the individual employer, even in large establishments, the human element was always present. The employer might have been hard, but if he was just and obviously devoted to the success of his enterprise, he was able by his example to enthuse those in the more humble spheres of the large limited company—the human element has in many cases gone, whilst the increased specialisation and mechanisation of industry have tended to destroy human interest on the part of the worker. This non-personal element in industry makes the task of the man who sows discontent easier, and its influence in this respect must be overcome.

Common sense and a good understanding can overcome most of the difficulties. The essential matter is that those in industry, in every sphere, should come together, and determine to leave no stone unturned to render industry efficient and prosperous. If this is done, there must be no meanness in the reward to labour, and no reservation in the response which is made by labour. How is all this to come about? It cannot be effected by any fair wind. The politician cannot effect it—in fact, he is better out of the way—and the Socialist who decries the honesty of the capitalist is merely a sower of seeds.

All feel the necessity of peace. Those outside may tentatively indicate some of the ways. Those in industry alone can take occasion in the hand and bring it to realisation.

—Yours, etc., L. E. HAYNES.

Hong Kong, December 21st, 1927.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE REGULATIONS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The year just ended was no doubt one of the most difficult, if not actually the worst experienced by local brokers and investors and I would like to take this opportunity, as an old resident with varied interests, as well as an unshaken confidence in the Colony's future, to make a few comments and suggestions if I may, for the consideration of the Committees of both the Stock Exchange and the Share-brokers' Association. It is also to be hoped that my suggestions may be noticed by some of our leading bankers, particularly, of course, by the great and all powerful Chief of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, who controls and guides the financial policy, which indirectly affects the money markets of most if not all the import ports in the Far East.

Having lately returned from a holiday abroad where I had opportunities of studying the methods of business on the Stock Exchanges in some of the principal cities of the world, it has been more forcibly brought home to me of late, how sadly we are behind the times in this respect in this Colony.

This unfortunate state of affairs is in no small measure one of the main causes of the continuous heavy and disastrous slump in all local share values, and the long and protracted delay in their recovery, which has ruined so many of our one time prosperous investors and others amongst us, and which no doubt accounts for the strange and complete lack of confidence displayed by many of late in all shares of Public Companies in the Colony.

However, without appearing to be too optimistic at the moment it must surely be evident to even the most casual observer, who is interested or has investments in the Colony, that a reaction or revival has at last begun, and with confidence being gradually restored and increasing daily, the general upward trend of prices of all stocks, more especially during the past month, plainly tell their tale. I therefore think that the present time is most opportune one to bring forward for the consideration of all concerned and interested, the question of overhauling some of the Stock Exchange regulations and methods of conducting business.

In the first place, their absurd scale of brokerage might be adjusted to a percentage basis which would be more fair and equitable. Secondly, in order to revive and stabilize a healthy "forward" business on sound lines, margins on some fair and reasonable basis could be deposited with the Stock Exchange by both buyer and seller should be the rule for all "futures".

If some genuine attempt were only made to introduce such a system in the Colony, I feel confident that it would prove a blessing to both principal and broker in the long run, and the alternating periods of artificial prosperity and prolonged depression would never be so pronounced from time to time.

At present under ruling conditions and customs the advantages are all in favour of irresponsible speculators who can easily make attempts to "corner" any stock they choose by merely buying "forward" heavily for a certain delivery, without being called to provide a cent of margin or security to check them in their wild career.

When the day of reckoning at last comes, the speculators are left with the original party can carry out his obligations or not does not matter so much, for it would be more than likely some poor simple "boob" among the public will have been victimized to "carry the baby". The real trouble only now begins for owing to the artificial rigging up of the market, there will usually be no buyers at any reasonable rate. Speculators are it is about time that in such an important British Colony as this, some steps should be taken to stop and check such abuses in order to encourage genuine investors who desire to invest their hard earned savings in any sound dividend paying stocks.

Judging by the response of the public to the recent Government six per cent loan, there is most undoubtedly an abundance of liquid funds at present seeking safe and sound investments in the Colony, and the explanation for the hesitation to invest in local stocks is mainly due to the prevailing lack of confidence by the Public brought about by unscrupulous operators on so many occasions in the past.

It is a lower form of the Bank's rate of interest on overdrafts from the present abnormally high rate of seven per cent per annum to the former normal rate of six per cent per annum is now long overdue and would be most welcome and opportune at present. Besides, it would also act as a stimulus for increased activity in all business in the Colony. Surely with money so plentiful and idle in the vaults of the banks it is about time that the Committee of our Chamber of Commerce should take up this question of the Bank as both a just and reasonable request?

I merely offer the above suggestions to the powers that be for what they are worth and it now devolves upon the investing public to also show some interest in these matters. If the Hong Kong public is so apathetic and unconcerned as to make no effort or attempt to demand an overhaul or revision of our Stock Exchange regulations and methods to be more in keeping with the changed conditions now prevailing in the Colony then they fully merit their deserts and the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, which we are at last really on the eve of a change in the right direction and that public interest and sentiment will be strong enough to see that steps be taken to carry out the necessary reform and improvements!

I wonder if we are at last really on the eve of a change in the right direction and that public interest and sentiment will be strong enough to see that steps be taken to carry out the necessary reform and improvements!

Apologising for encroaching on so much of your valuable space and enclosing you herewith my card—Yours, etc.,

PRO BONO PUBLICO. Hong Kong, January 2nd, 1928.

"BEAU GESTE."

FINE ADVENTURE FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

CROWDED HOUSES.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Beau Geste" has seen the Queen's Theatre crowded at every performance, nor have the audiences been disappointed for the film version of C. P. Wren's fine novel is an example of the cinema drama at its best. This story of the French Foreign Legion, of a great fight in the desert, of adventures all, is a theme presented on the heroic scale. The figures who move across it are men "up against it." The three English brothers who have joined the Legion may, one of them, have been guilty of a theft, but they are all doing the big thing. They have learned to regard hardship, brutality and death as nothing. They are members of the most famous force in the world, and the arrogant pride of this outlaw army has mastered them wholly. So too, the bullying robber of a sergeant is also the supreme fighter in a lost cause. Great fighters are not often gentle knights—they have to be something of brutes, but the call of courage and strength is the loudest to human ears—like a bugle it drowns the softer melodies. He is forgiven, even by his men, when he shows himself the indomitable leader in that devoted, sun scorched fort where a handful of men beat off thousands of Arabs.

This is where the film outstrips the theatre. The theatre can only suggest big deeds of heroism, the cinema can show them, and no fight could be portrayed better than that in "Beau Geste." All the incidents are good. The children in the earlier scenes act admirably, suggesting the significant pathos of their play, and all the supers and "minors" are excellent. Always we are saved false sentiment, undue harrowing by protracted death scenes or any suggestion of petty heroism. "Beau Geste" rings true. It shows "how men their fellows main" and how terrible is life in that Legion in which in his heart the author, having served in it, feels so deep a pride. The story is stimulating, exciting, and leaves one with a good deal to think about, particularly those of us whose adventuring days are probably over.

How The Film Was Produced. Herbert Brenon, who produced "Peter Pan" and "The Song and Dance Man" among other pictures, is responsible for the direction of "Beau Geste." He has made every effort to present Major Wren's story as faithfully as possible. The desert scenes were taken in the Arizona desert which has the same shifting sand dunes, sometimes piling up to a height of hundreds of feet, as the Sahara. A plank road, nearly two miles long, was built over the dunes to enable the motor lorries, which carried the cameras, etc., to reach the sites where a replica of the French outpost had been built.

A very large proportion of the 2,000 men who take part in the production have seen active service, a few of them are veterans of the Foreign Legion, and Mr. Brenon was lucky in securing the help and advice, during the taking of the scenes, of a Lieutenant who had served for over eight years with that force. Three of the prominent members of the cast are Englishmen, Roland Coleman who plays "Beau," Ralph Forbes, "John Geste," and Victor McLaglen as the American Legionary "Hank."

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

Queen's. To-day until Thursday: "Beau Geste." Friday and Saturday: "Reginald DeRosa." "Out All Night," the latest comedy of a wealthy young bachelor and a musical comedy star.

World. To-day and Wednesday: "Renee Adoree" in "Back to God's Country," an epic of the frozen north. Also a film which should be of very great interest showing the crushing of the Reds in Canton; this latter picture will be shown until Saturday. Thursday to Saturday: Rudolph Valentino in "The Eagle."

Star. To-day and Wednesday: Pauline Stark in "The Devil's Car." Thursday to Saturday: "The Show Off," a comedy with Lois Wilson and Louise Brooks.

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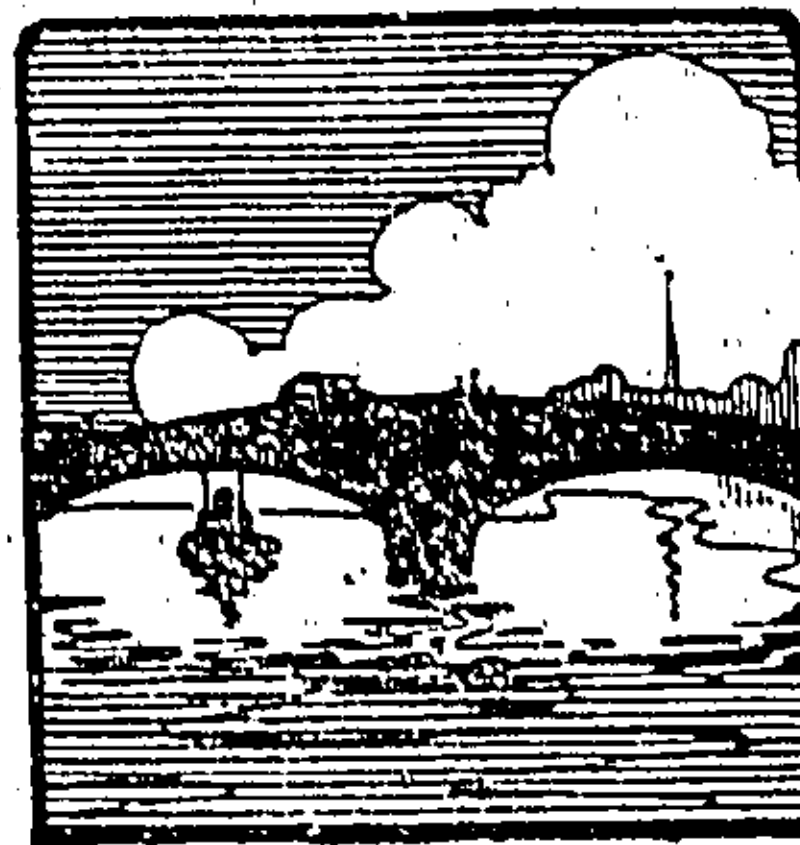
DIVIDEND OF 12 PER CENT.

The Hong Kong branch of the Banque Franco-Chinoise have received telegraphic advice from their head office in Paris that a dividend of 12 per cent will be paid for the financial year 1926-27.

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ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED.

LECTURE, DEBATE, BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club circular for January, 1928, gives details of some attractive events arranged for that month. There are to be dances and whist drives (two of each), a debate, the opening of the billiards championship (an annual affair), and, it is hoped, the inauguration of a Club Rifle Range.

The circular states:—The Annual Meeting of the Club will be held on Friday, January 27th at 8.30 p.m. A group photograph of the gathering will be taken, and it is hoped that the Bishop of Victoria will preside at the Meeting. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year (duly proposed and seconded) must be sent in to the Hon. Secretaries not later than Friday, January 20th.

Members wishing to present any proposal or suggestions for consideration at the Annual Meeting, are asked to send them in to the Hon. Secretaries, duly proposed and seconded, before Friday, January 20th, 1928.

DANCES AND WHIST DRIVES.—The Entertainment Committee is arranging a series of fortnightly dances and Whist Drives in connection with Club entertainments, and it is hoped that members will continue this year to give these functions their loyal support.

DEBATES AND LECTURES.—There will be a Lecture at the Club at 8.30 p.m. on Monday, January 9th, on "The Spirit of America," to be given by Mr. J. D. Bush. All American friends and any others interested in the rise and progress of America are cordially invited.

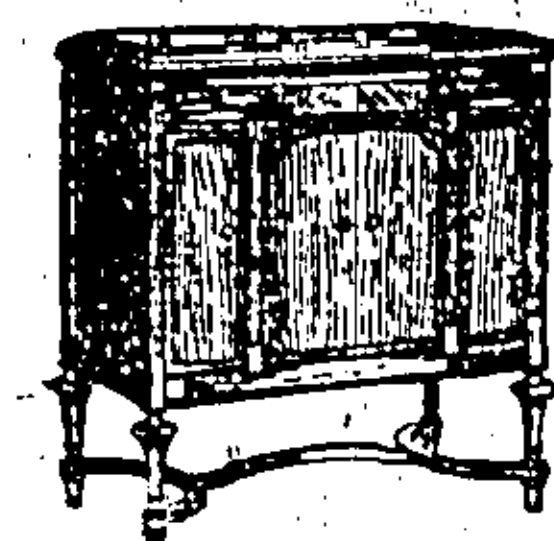
On Monday, January 16th at 8.30 p.m. there will be a Debate in the Club House on the motion:—"That a Man becomes rich as a Result of Chance rather than by Industry or Ability." Speakers for this debate will be announced in due course.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.—The first Annual Billiard Championship (for 1928) will commence on Friday, January 13th. In addition there will be a Handicap and also a Doubles event. Entries are 81.00 for the Championship and 50 cents each for the other two events. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Patron of the Club has kindly presented the Championship Cup. The Cup must be won three times in succession in order to become the property of the winner. Entries are now open and will close at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11th. Full particulars can be had from the Club Notice Board or from the Secretary, Mr. E. E. Immen.

THE LIBRARY.—The Library which has been closed for Annual stock-taking is now open again. A debt of gratitude is due to the Librarian, Mr. H. S. Clayton for much hard work put in in connection with the Library. There is a wealth of very serious literature in the shelves.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Experience has shown that the method of collecting small subscriptions, from a large number of members, is at times rather difficult, and it is suggested that, in future, members will, wherever possible, pay their subscriptions yearly at the rate \$12.00 a year. Members desirous of paying their subscriptions quarterly must make arrangements with the Secretaries or the Hon. Treasurer. This sum is due on the 1st of January in advance. All subscriptions can be sent in to Mr. G. S. Zimmerman (Messrs. Benjamin & Potts) or to Mr. A. F. Peterson (at the Club).

RADIO AND MUSIC.—A very nice set of radio has been presented to the Club and a licence for it is being applied for. It is hoped to have the set installed sometime near the Chinese New Year. Full particulars regarding Radio Nights (Continued on next column.)



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RIFLE RANGE.—Efforts are being made to fit up a Rifle Range and Mr. Arthur Samy has kindly consented to undertake the task of drawing up a Scheme which would make the Range a self-paying and self-supporting item.

Forthcoming Meetings.

The following are Committee meetings for January and Secretaries are reminded again to send in a report of all sessions to the Joint Secretaries before the last Tuesday in the month:—

Jan. 3rd.—Library Committee, 8.30 a.m.

" 9th.—Debating Committee, 7.30 p.m.

" 11th.—Indoor Sports Committee, 8.30 p.m.

" 16th.—Refreshment Committee, 8.30 p.m.

" 17th.—Entertainments Committee, 8.30 p.m.

" 21st.—Executive Committee, 8.30 p.m.

The Finance Committee meets weekly on Tuesdays, at 6 p.m.

DAILY OF EVENTS.

Jan. 9th.—Lecture on "The Spirit of America," by Mr. J. D. Bush, at the Club, at 8.30 p.m.

" 10th.—Club Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, at 8.45 p.m.

" 11th.—Entries for Billiard Tournament and Championship close, at 8 p.m.

" 16th.—Debate on the motion "That a Man Becomes Rich as a result of Chance rather than by Industry or Ability," at 8.30 p.m.

" 18th.—Whist Drive in the Cathedral Hall, at 8.30 p.m.

" 25th.—Dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, at 8.45 p.m.

" 27th.—Annual Meeting of the Club, at 8.30 p.m.

NEW YEAR
HONOURS.

LOCAL RECIPIENTS.

MR. E. D. C. WOLFE AND
MISS SLOAN.

Mr. Edward Dudley Corcoran, Wolfe, the Captain Superintendent of Police, and Miss Margaret Sloan, formerly Matron in charge of the Government hospitals in Hong Kong, are among those included in His Majesty's New Year Honours list.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe has been appointed a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (C.M.G.) and Miss Sloan a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.).

Mr. Wolfe entered Government Service as a Cadet in the Federated Malay States in 1909 and was transferred to Hong Kong in 1901. During his first year in this Colony he acted as Secretary to the Committee of Enquiry into the Medical Department and as Secretary to the Commission of Enquiry into the Public Works Department. Since that time his appointments have included those of Police Magistrate, Assistant Registrar General, Head of the Sanitary Department, Acting Director of Education, Postmaster-General and Acting Colonial Treasurer. He was appointed Acting Superintendent of Police in December, 1918, and Captain Superintendent of Police in January, 1920.

Miss Sloan recently retired on pension, after a service of twenty years in the Government Hospitals of Hong Kong. She arrived in the Colony as a Nursing Sister in 1907 and was appointed Matron in 1917. For several years previous to her retirement she was principal matron of the Medical Department.

CEE FOR THE REV. F.
TOCHER.

[NAVAL-WIRELESS.]

Hankow, Jan. 1st.—The Rev. Father Tocher has been appointed C.B.E. in recognition of his services in the Lator incident.

When Capt. Lator of the British ship the *S.S. Yangtze* was captured by Yangtze pirates, near Ichang, it was the Rev. Father Tocher who conducted the negotiations for his release. A naval wireless message spoke of Mr. Tocher as "a fearless determination" as "a heroic prize." Mr. Tocher is a well-known Church of Scotland missionary who first came to Ichang in 1890 and is in charge of the St. Andrew's Mission school there. Mr. Tocher served as a chaplain in the War and was awarded the Military Cross.

OF INTEREST TO THE FAR
EAST.

Other honours of interest in the Far East were:

Knighthood.

Judge Peter Grain, Judge of the Supreme Court in Shanghai.

Mr. Clement Everitt, Unofficial member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Straits Settlements.

C.M.G.

Major-General John Duncan, General Officer Commanding the Shanghai Defence Force.

PROMINENT RECIPIENTS.

THREE NEW PEERS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 1st.

In the New Year Honours list the new Peers are Colonel George Gibbs, M.P. for Bristol West, and Treasurer to His Majesty's household; Sir Frederick Lugard, former Governor-General of Nigeria and (earlier) of Hong Kong; British Member of Permanent Mandates Commission of the League of Nations, and Sir Gerald Strickland, M.P. for Lancaster and Prime Minister of Malta.

New Privy Counsellors include Mr. J. C. Davidson, Chairman of the Conservative Party and a former member of the Government, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

Five Baronets.

Five new Baronets include James Gomer Berry, the well-known newspaper proprietor and, and Major-General Sir Richard Charles, who is Sergeant-Surgeon to the King's Knighthoods.

Among the 31 new Knights are Sir George Dudgeon, throat and ear specialist, Mr. Edward Gorman, the well-known composer, Judge Peter Grain, Judge of the Supreme Court for China, and Dr. Percy Sergeant, specialist in cases of injuries to brain and spinal cord, who has done valuable work for the Ministry of Pensions.

Twenty-six others received their honours for public services connected with political, local government and philanthropic work, particularly in the provinces and Scotland.

The new Dominion Knighthoods John Longstaff, President of the Society of Australian Artists, Mr. Alfred Clorine, Minister without portfolio, Newfoundland, Mr. Charles Nathan, Vice Chairman of the Development and Migration Commission, Australia, and Mr. Thomas Stringer, lately Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

Ten new Knighthoods are conferred for services in India and six for services in the Colonies and Protectorates.

The latter include Mr. Frank Biddle, Chief Secretary to the Government of Nigeria, Mr. Clement Everitt, unofficial member of the Executive and Legislative Councils of the Straits Settlements, Mr. Richard Goode, lately Chief Secretary to the Government of Northern Rhodesia, Mr. William Russell, Chief Justice of Tanganyika Territory, and Mr. Henry Scott, Acting Attorney-General of Fiji.

Four new Knights of the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath (Military Division) are General Sir Archibald Murray, Sir Alexander Godley, Sir Havelock Hudson and Sir Alexander Coble.

New Knights of Commanders of the same order are Major-General Duncan, General Officer Commanding North China Command, Lieutenant-General Vaughan, Indian Army, and Vice-Admiral Hugh Watson.

Fourteen new companions of the same order of the military division are announced.

The Lord Justice of Appeal, Sir John Eddon Banks, becomes a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Civil Division and five new companions of the same order are appointed.

The Order Of St. Michael And
St. George.

A Knight of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and Saint George is conferred on Sir Graeme Thompson, Governor of Nigeria.

New Knights of Commanders of the same order are Mr. Edward Harding, Assistant Under-Secretary of the Dominions Office, Mr. Philip Street, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, New South Wales, Colonel Sir Edward Grigg, Governor of Kenya Colony, and Major Charles Orr, Governor of the Bahamas Islands.

Fifteen companions of the same order include Mr. Odia Faulkner, Director of Agriculture, Nigeria, Major Jackson, Provincial Commissioner of the Eastern Province of the Gold Coast, Mr. Robert Jarvis, Administrative Inspector, of the Ministry of the Interior, Iraq, Mr. Francis Tyrrell, Controller of Revenue of Ceylon, Mr. Edward Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, Hong Kong, Mr. Ernest Wolff, British Resident of Negri Sembilan, Federated Malay States, Major Robert Archibald, Director of Wellcome Tropical Research Laboratories, Khartoum, Mr. Alexander Keown-Boyd, Director-General of the Ministry of the Interior, Cairo, Mr. William Peters, late of His Majesty's Mission at Moscow, Mr. Herbert Phillips, Inspector-General of Consular Establishments in the Far East.

Other Awards.

In the Royal Victorian Order, the Marquess of Anglesey and Sir Norman Warren Fisher, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury become Knights of the Grand Cross. Five promotions to Knights Commanders include Sir Edward Elgar, the famous composer, Colonel Olive Wigram and Lionel Cust, the well-known connoisseur and surveyor of the King's pictures and works of art.

Appointments to the British Empire Order include two Dame Commanders, of whom the Duchess of Bedford is one and three commanders, seven officers and seven members, all of them women who have done valuable public and philanthropic work.

(Continued on next column.)

THE NEW YEAR.

WELCOME FOR 1928.

"PEACE IN OUR TIME." THE
POPULAR WISH.

The churches in Hong Kong held their usual Watch Night services on Saturday and these were extremely well attended.

Others spent the evening at one or other of the excellent Carnival dances arranged at the various hotels and restaurants, but, as New Year's day was on Sunday everything closed down unusually early.

A very enjoyable time was spent as usual at the Hong Kong and Repulse Day Hotels. Similar functions also took place at Lane Crawford's, the King Edward Hotel, the Regent and other centres. Fire crackers seemed more popular than ever.

There were no functions of a formal nature, except the usual Craigengower dance, and the holiday, like Christmas, was essentially a home and personal nature. The weather has been dull but fine, turning yesterday to rain which upset several of the functions, especially the cricket. However, though things have not been so "sonorous" from an English point of view, a Scottish point of view most of us are glad enough to be out of what they are getting at home. The last year has been one of turmoil and upheaval, and our neighbour Canton is still in dire straits. In the South of China the wish for peace is apparent. Revolutionary enthusiasm has burnt itself out, and perhaps the new year will see a return to sanity.

TWO PARLIAMENTARY
VACANCIES CAUSED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 2nd.

Peacages conferred on Colonel Gibbs and Sir Gerald Strickland will cause vacancies in the Parliamentary representation of West-England and Lancaster and a by-election will be necessary. Colonel Gibbs (Conservative) had a majority of over 7,000 over his Labour opponent at the last general election and at Lancaster, Sir G. Strickland defeated the Liberal opponent at the last general election and, at Lancaster, Sir G. Strickland defeated the Liberal candidate by 4,000 and the Labour candidate by over 9,000 in a three-cornered contest.

The Late Dr. J. Robertson.

Pathetic interest attaches to the announcement in the Honours' List that a knighthood had been conferred on Alderman Dr. James Robertson, formerly Lord Mayor of Cardiff. Dr. Robertson died on Tuesday last at the age of sixty. He had given devoted service to local affairs and in particular was keenly interested in health matters. His name was retained in the Honours' List as an act of recognition for his widow, on the grant of letters patent, will become Lady Robertson.

Sir James Caird.

The *Daily Chronicle* says that Sir James Caird, who is made baronet for his public and philanthropic services, recently contributed £200,000,000 to the MacPherson collection of maritime maps and towards the restoration of Nelson's ships: the flagship *Victory* and the sister ship *Imperieuse*.

The MacPherson Collection contains 12,000 books, prints, paintings and atlases, and is said to be the only complete sea history of the English-speaking race.

Sir Frederick Lugard.

Sir Frederick Lugard's peerage is regarded by the Press as the crown of a great career as empire-builder and administrator in tropical Africa, which began in 1888 when he commanded a volunteer force in the Sudan against Arab slave raiders. Later, he organized the administration, as High Commissioner, in West Africa, which he subsequently occupied and settled Northern Nigeria. He became Governor-General of the two Nigerias, which he administered following a short period as Governor of Hong Kong, and he retired seven years later.

An unrivalled knowledge of African native questions has qualified him for the position as British member of the League of Nations' Permanent Mandates Commission, which he has held since 1922.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATER.

Major-General John Duncan has been promoted Commander of the Bath.

LONDON, Jan. 2nd.

The twenty appointments to the British Empire Order all are women and include, as a Member, Miss Margaret Sloan, formerly of Hong Kong.

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PUPILS.PRESS URGED TO FIGHT
BOLSHEVISM.

The Chinese Press Institute of Hong Kong was at home to its members and friends New Year Day at King Edward's Hotel to introduce the pupils of its newly started school of journalism to the public. Among the guests present were the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Li Yau Tsun, Chairman, Mr. Ip Lan Chuan, General Secretary, Mr. Ho Lu, Member, of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. T. Barrett, of the Hong Kong *Daily Press*, Mr. Lo Pak Shiu, Chairman of the Canton Journalists Club, Mr. Tom Lai Woon, the *dozen* of Chinese journalism in Hong Kong, Mr. Leung Him Moo, of the *Hong Kong Industrial and Commercial Daily News*, and Mr. Hin Wong, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Institute.

The function was presided over by Mr. Wong Tien Shuk, Chairman, and Mr. Ho Nga Suen, Vice-Chairman, of the Institute. Mr. Wong was formerly of the *Tai Kwong* but now of the South China News Service, and Mr. Ho and Kwan represented the *Tsun Wan* and *Wah* *Tai* *Yat* *Pai* respectively.

Mr. Wong, the chairman of the Institute, pointed out that all lecturers in the class were active and experienced newsmen and that the pupils would give part of their time to giving lectures and instructions in history of journalism, reporting, news gathering, editorial page, proof reading, and allied subjects.

In addition to the subjects mentioned, there were also courses given in Chinese, Japanese, and English. The translation of world news from the English and Japanese news agencies formed a very responsible department of the Chinese editorial work. In these days the foreign press were giving much attention to Chinese news, and their comments on Chinese affairs could not escape the attention of the Chinese press.

In responding to a request for a brief talk to the gathering, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall emphasised the importance of the Fourth Estate in the Country, mentioning the part the Press had taken in the overthrowing of the Manchu Dynasty.

Mr. Ho Lu called the Press the unswerving rulers of the world and teachers of the people, and said that they have grave responsibility towards the community and the world at large.

Mr. Lo Pak Shiu of Canton recalled the danger a journalist has to face under Bolshevism, and speaking from personal experience, he suggested that the first duty of the Chinese Press to-day was to help to crush Bolshevism.

Mr. R. T. Barrett, speaking on behalf of the English Press in Hong Kong, congratulated the Chinese members of the same profession in founding a class to train the junior members and believed that the class would be a success. It certainly deserved the support of the Chinese members of the Press. He also thanked the Chinese Press for asking Mrs. Barrett and himself to be present.

Mr. Leung Him Moo told those present that the Press in China should be united to fight against all Bolshevism, militarism, and official corruption in China, and he thought that it was the best agency in China to-day to do it.

Following the speeches tea was served.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

THE DANCE PROGRAMME.

Art Smith's musicians will play at the St. George's Ball on Friday.

The programme is as follows:—

Extras—Just Once Again, One O'clock Baby.

Lancers—The Gondoliers.

Waltz—What Does it Matter?

Fox-trot—You Know I Love You.

Foxtrot—Kiss and Make Up.

Waltz—In the Middle of the Night.

Foxtrot—Can't Forget You.

One Step—Rosa Lee.

Foxtrot—Go Home and Tell Your Mother.

First Supper 11.15 p.m.:

Foxtrot—A Lane in Spain.

Foxtrot—Moonlit Waters.

Waltz—Love Cabin Lullaby.

Foxtrot—Ain't She Sweet.

Foxtrot—Mystic Chords.

Second Supper:—

One Step—Collette.

Foxtrot—Oh, Doris.

Waltz—Charmaine.

Foxtrot—Sailing On.

Third Supper:—

Foxtrot—As Long as I Have You.

Foxtrot—Me and My Shadow.

Foxtrot—Meadow in F.

Foxtrot—Wide Open Spaces.

Foxtrot—Birth of the Blues.

THE STRUGGLE FOR
SHANTUNG.

FENG'S ADVANCE HELD UP?

RED SPEAR MENACE TO
NORTHERNERS.

[ASIATIC NEWS AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 23rd.

After establishing conjunctions with the Cantonese forces at Hsuechow, Feng Yu Hsiang is contemplating the invasion of Shantung in three directions, with Tsianfu as his objective. Generals Lu Chung Lin, Han Fu Chu and Shih Yu Shan are the principal commanders of the attacking Kuomintang forces from Honan while Feng himself is now reported to be at Chengchow, directing the operations by field telephones. At the same time, Marshal Chang Tsung Chang has also concentrated the main body of the combined Shantung-Chihli army in the vicinity of Tsining to meet Feng's thrust.

Tsining must be defended at any cost, otherwise, the line of communications of the Ankuochun allies at the Hanchuang and Lincheng front will be threatened. Decisive battles are expected shortly and the fate of Shantung will then be decided one way or another.

CONSULTATION WITH
CHANG TSO LIN.

PEKING, December 23rd.

General Chu Yu Pu, Tapan of Chihli, who has been associated with Marshal Chang Tsung Chang in the fighting against the Southerners in Shantung since last year, paid a flying visit to Peking on Wednesday for a consultation with the Dictator about the war situation. He left Thursday morning for Tsianfu via Tientsin. The hurried departure of Tapan Chu was chiefly due to the serious war situation in Shantung where, it is believed, some fighting is proceeding around Tsining between the combined Shantung-Chihli army and Feng Yu Hsiang's troops. The Tapan Chu's departure was the result of the Kuomintang by the Ankuochun with heavy loss to the latter; but information from independent sources gives a different story.

RED SPEARS AND COM-
MUNIST INFLUENCE.

[ASIATIC NEWS AGENCY.]

PEKING, December 23rd.

The *Shun Tien Shih Pao* reports that through the investigation of Shansi and Kuomintang agents, the native bandits of Tungchow, Sanlio, Xinkung, Chichow, Yungching, Tungchow, Wuching and other districts of the metropolitan province of Chihli have organised themselves into Hsingchianghui, Heichianghui and Tzuohui or Red Spears, Black Spears and Big Spear Societies. These bandits are organising collecting "protection" contributions from the people and the funds are being spent on the purchase of firearms. The paper expresses fear that unless the Ankuochun leaders take up the problem seriously and deal with these bandits, there will be in Chihli a repetition of the situation in Honan and that there will be serious anti-Fengist disturbances at the rear of the Ankuochun troops at the Northern front. The paper says that the members of these societies are principally Moscow-controlled Chinese communists.

QUIET AT CANTON.

LI TSAL HSIN ON HIS WAY.

All was reported quiet yesterday at Canton. The whereabouts of Li Tsai Hsin are still unknown but he is said to have left Shanghai on Sunday for Hong Kong from whence he will proceed to Canton. Li Fook Lam is reported to be on his way to Shanghai, and opinion is general in Chinese circles that as long as the Kwangsi group hold power in Canton he is unlikely to return to Honan. However, Li Fook Lam has great ability in maintaining his place and it is by no means impossible that the wheel of fortune will soon turn in his favour.

STOLEN CAR.

Wong Wing Chan, of no occupation in Hong Kong, but who owned two 5-seater cars in Canton, one painted yellow and the other black, had these cars stolen during the recent troubles, probably by soldiers.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while he was walking in Des Vaux Road, Central, he found that a car of the same make and colour as one of his was standing in the Connaught Garage, and he is quite certain that this car is really his own which was stolen.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

MR. ALLISTER SOMMERFELD, A.C.A., having joined our Firm as from 1st JANUARY, 1928, will sign our Firm's Name "Per Procreation," LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Chartered Accountants. [5722]

NOTICE.

FREDERICK ARTHUR POLLOCK and ROBERT GORDON have THIS DAY been Authorized to Sign for the Company "Per Procreation," JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD. Hong Kong, 1st Jan., 1928. [5721]

U.S.R.O.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE DRAW FOR THE OPEN EVENTS.

IS POSTED IN THE CLUB.

FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 13th.

EVENT No. 10—LADIES SINGLES OPEN has been Cancelled through Lack of Entries. [5724]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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ON FRIDAY, THE 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 1928, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

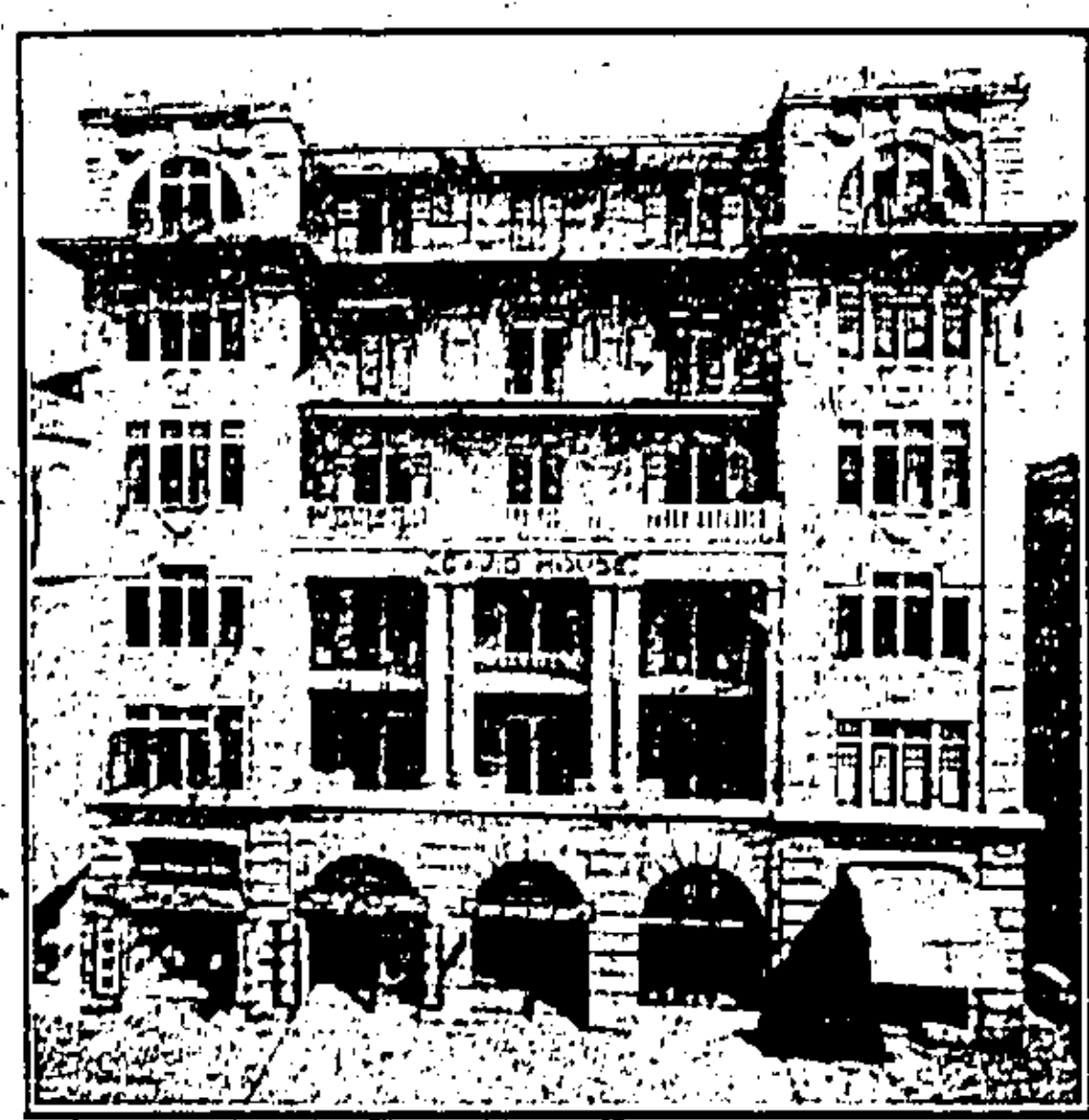
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MESSRS. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, No. 8A, DUNDRELL STREET. [5725]

NOTICE.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED to DAVID HOUSE (formerly STEPHEN'S BUILDING) FIFTH FLOOR, CONNELL BROS. CO. Hong Kong, 30th Dec., 1927. [5708]



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(FORMERLY KNOWN AS STEPHEN'S BUILDING).

REMOVAL

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INTIMATIONS.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

8th JANUARY, 1928.

MEMBERS OF ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY requiring further Tickets for the BALL are Requested to apply to S. T. BUTLIN, c/o LIVERPOOL & DAY, or before the 4th JANUARY, 1928. [5715]

MISS SIGGINS.

EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL GYMNASIUM.

PREPARED to take Classes in SWEDISH GYMNASIUM, GAMES, and COUNTRY DANCING. Apply—

HELENA MAY INSTITUTE. [5805]

STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

MACAO TO TIMOR.

THE Government of Macao is prepared to accept Proposals for the Establishment of a Steamship Service between MACAO and TIMOR. Proposals should reach the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, not later than 17th JANUARY, 1928. Particulars may be obtained from the PORTUGUESE CONSULATES at Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Manila, Kobe, Amoy, and Saigon, or from the Under-Secretary.

ALMEIDA PINHEIRO, Harbour Master, Macao, 20th December, 1927. [5808]

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

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SITUATE at SHAIKUKTSUI in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hong Kong, and registered in the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 860, Together with the Messuage of Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 414, RECLAMATION STREET.

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Dated the 21st day of December, 1927. [5800]

LOST—1 ZIRCON BROOCH—

1 Pale Blue Stone, Gold Chain. Monoline—Reply: Box 5717, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [5717]

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LTD.

FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURES (KAILAN BONDS).

FIFTEENTH DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in conformity with the conditions endorsed upon the Debentures, the undermentioned Numbers of Debentures of the total value of \$24,000 were drawn on the SECOND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1927, at the Office of the Company, No. 22, Austin Friars, in the City of London, in the presence of WATSON FITZGERALD, one of the Directors, ALFRED WILLIAM BERRY, Secretary of the Company, and NICHOLAS ROBERT JACOBSON, of 9, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., Notary Public.

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In CHINA: At the General Office of the Company, Tientsin.

6 Bonds of \$500 Each, Numbered:

91 103 205 230 244 261

70 Bonds of \$100 Each, Numbered:

322 326 335 355 419 478

537 572 574 582 601 714

813 965 975 1013 1019 1132

1200 1272 1387 1420 1449 1479

1498 1499 1508 1685 1740 1748

1771 1787 1825 1917 1919 2040

2023 2172 2319 2324 2390 2376

2411 2453 2457 2533 2575 2584

2596 2746 2759 2779 2833 2968

3117 3126 3132 3182 3308 3310

3317 3348 3363 3364 3394 3604

700 Bonds of \$20 Each, Numbered:

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3940 3984 4013 4016 4018 4189

4181 4185 4382 4402 4516 4526

4537 4587 4591 4595 4657 4704

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4859 5130 5150 5182 5243 5281

5295 5440 5463 5489 5508 5511

5547 5691 5771 5794 5870 5938

6083 6131 6166 6202 6345 6537

6589 6640 6673 6700 6712 6717

6788 6785 6782 6831 6812 6845

6878 7033 7041 7105 7178 7207

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7504 7527 7619 7641 7672 7686

7721 7771 7790 7791 7850 7869

7860 8007 8018 8088 8174 8204

8400 8547 8554 8627 8632 8674

8684 8743 8824 8834 8841 8932

8967 9260 9316 9365 9419 9417

9531 9585 9592 9671 9672 9731

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10142 10165 10168 10278 10283 10417

10475 10505 10508 10569 10615 10630

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15038 15119 15127 15101 15256 15267

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15746 15755 15776 15792 15814 15815

15859 16029 16073 16105 16131 16212

16213 16237 16242 16249 16348 16325

16452 16456 16459 16462 16757 16840

16863 16879 16943 16955 16986 17033

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30099 30136 30229 30320 30473 30483

30559 30653 30684 30917 30932 31008

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IS SHANSI'S MILITARY GOVERNOR
SUING FOR PEACE?GENERAL LI TSAI HSIN LEAVES SHANGHAI
FOR CANTON.NANKING GOVERNMENT DESPATCHING AN
EXPEDITION AGAINST HUNAN.MARSHAL CHIANG KAI SHEK'S ATTITUDE
SHARPLY CRITICISED.

According to the native Press, Shansi's Military Governor is willing to negotiate peace with Dictator Chang. Reference is made to the "endless civil wars entailing suffering upon the people."

General Li Tsai Hsin is reported to have left Shanghai for Canton.

It is quite refreshing, in the light of recent events, to observe that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek is now the subject of "severe criticism" because of his attitude towards Wang Ching Wei and Chang Fat Fui, both of whom are generally believed to have been actively concerned in the initial stages of Canton's recent troubles.

Yet another little war has sprung up, or is about to spring up, in pacific China; this time in Hunan, to which province the Nanking Government proposes to send a punitive expedition.

PEACE OVERTURES FROM
SHANSI.

(Wah Tsai Fui Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2nd.

General Yan Shih Shan has despatched a representative to Peking for the purpose of approaching Marshal Chiang Kai Shek regarding his (General Yan's) wish for peace. This does not mean (he says) that he surrenders to his enemy, but he is much chagrined to see that endless civil wars have entailed upon the people much suffering.

On the 31st ult. General Li Tsai Hsin, accompanied by a number of military personages, left Shanghai on board a French steamer for Canton.

General Pui Chung Hui has telegraphed to General Li Tsai Hsin seriously criticising Marshal Chiang Kai Shek's too mild attitude towards Wang Ching Wei and Chang Fat Fui who were the chief responsible for the recent Canton "Red" uprising. He further urges that Marshal Chiang should do all in his power as a military leader, and have no partial attitude towards any side.

Finding that compromise with the Hunanese military leaders, who were formerly under General Tang Song Chih, is impossible, the Nanking Government has decided to send an expedition to Hunan against them. The 7th and 5th Kuomintang armies are assigned for the purpose.

SUBMARINE AIRCRAFT
CARRIERS.A SURPRISE ANNOUNCE-
MENT.

"HUSH-HUSH" EXPERIMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, January 1st.

Naval circles are surprised by the announcement of extra pay for air pilots and observers appointed to submarine aircraft carriers. It is known that experiments are being made in Britain and elsewhere in this connection but the tests are regarded as "hush-hush."

Naval work experts are faced with difficult problems owing to the limited space in the submarine but it is stated that great progress has been made. In some quarters there has been doubt as to the expediency of this revealing what may be done by the British Navy.

ALTITUDE RECORD.

ITALIAN AIRMAN USES
BRITISH ENGINE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 31st.

Commander Donati, the Italian aviator who flew at a height of 11,827 metres in an officially observed world record flight on December 21st, used in his Italian aeroplane a British engine of the Bristol Jupiter Series Four. This is an air-cooled high compression engine of 450 h.p. much used on the Royal Air Force and other air services and on the British and foreign air lines.

SIERRA LEONE AND
SLAVERY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 31st.

Law abolishing slavery in the Sierra Leone Protectorate become effective to-day. Two hundred and fifteen thousand slaves are due to be set free.

BRINGING IN THE
NEW YEAR.POLITICAL, ECCLESIASTICAL
AND INDUSTRIAL
MESSAGES.HOW LONDON AND NEW
YORK CELEBRATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 31st.

Mr. Baldwin's New Year message to the nation, addressed to the Primrose League, of which the Premier is Grand Master, notes the considerable progress in 1927 towards restoring industrial prosperity, also the increasing desire of capital and labour to co-operate and solve their problems.

"1928 will be a year of great political activity. It is essential that we prepare for the next General Election and arouse enthusiasm to combat any tendency to slackness among Conservatives, for if the electors are told the truth we have nothing to fear," he says.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year message on New Year Days in the past had a distinctive note, sometimes political, sometimes industrial, sometimes international. This year he finds more people than ever before in England's history thinking and talking about our common prayers.

"There is no power greater than love and goodwill," says Mr. Ben Turner, chairman of the T.U.C. in his New Year message. "It is the job of all of us to try to rescue the nation from social depression and the task of the trade union movement is to end class warfare which the social system has created. There is a need for all people to pool their mental, moral and spiritual resources to uplift the whole."

In London.

LONDON, January 1st.

New Year came in London with snow, sleet and rain, with the result that a comparatively small crowd cheered the chiming at St. Paul's at midnight, but thousands of guests at the big hotels danced in the New Year, while the stay-at-homes heard the all-embracing New Year greetings by the B.B.C., comprising the whole universe.

The broadcaster greeted us on the everlasting tour, and asked them whether our waves reached them, but there was no answer.

Greetings from the Empire to foreign countries followed. Prior to the greetings at the midnight service at York Minster, at which the Archbishop of York laid a stone to commemorate the completion of the thirteenth century of the Minster's existence. The service was broadcast.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

In New York.

New York, January 1st.

New Year was unprecedentedly welcomed. Yesterday night the theatres, hotels and night clubs were filled to utmost capacity, hundreds of thousands who congregated the streets whooped and howled, the hosts indoors.

Five hundred policemen, stationed in Broadway's theatre district, were powerless to control the tremendous crowds, particularly at midnight, when pandemonium was supreme.

So great was the demand for seats at the leading theatres that places in the pit, ordinarily costing £8.50 sold at £15 at the box office and as much as \$50 by speculators while hotels thought nothing of charging \$10 per plate for a meal. Despite previous warning of the Director of Prohibition Enforcement that two Federal agents would be present at each Night Club, liquor flowed freely at most of the night clubs and there were only four raids.

COSTES AND LE
BRIX.CONTEMPLATING NEW YORK-
PARIS FLIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LIMA, Jan. 2nd.

The Transatlantic fliers Costes and Le Brix, who are now flying from Buenos Aires to New York by stages announce that they intend to attempt a New York-Paris flight after reaching New York.

THE SINGAPORE
FLOATING DOCK.TRANSPORTING THE
SECTIONS.

A HAZARDOUS TASK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LON ON, January 2nd.

The hazardous task of transporting the 30,000 ton Singapore floating dock in two sections to the Far East, will, according to the *Observer*, be awarded to the Smit Company, the well-known Rotterdam towage experts.

It will necessitate at least eight tugs and the most critical stage will be the Suez Canal in which all other traffic will be suspended to enable the gigantic structure to crawl at barely a mile an hour, with the sides of the dock almost touching the banks.

The journey is expected to be undertaken in May.

LATER.

The principal fear associated with the Cairo-Bagdad air-line that passengers would receive short shrift at the hands of the nomadic Arabs has proved unfounded. When the Air Force aeroplane landed, they found the liner surrounded by Arabs offering water and vying with each other to render assistance to the stranded liner, which, refuelled, reached Rutba in safety. Steps were taken to reward the tribesmen and encourage a similar spirit in future.

THE MURDER OF
COL. FERGUSSON.THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION
ON THE SCENE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KHARTOUM, January 2nd.

The quick concentration of troops in the area of Col. Fergusson's murder has restored confidence among the loyal Nuer and confined the trouble to a small section.

The Nuer chieftain, Garluak, has surrendered. He declares that he repudiated the murder, though some of his followers are implicated in it.

Punitive operations are afoot and troops are advancing against the stronghold of the hostile Gwuk, which are inflicting casualties and dispersing concentrations of men and cattle and bombing the pyramid of Dangkur, which is the centre and symbol of Gwuk's influence as a witch doctor.

U.S. MARINES IN
NICARAGUA.SEVERE ENGAGEMENT WITH
INSURGENTS.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, January 2nd.

Five United States Marines were killed and 23 wounded in a severe engagement with a large force of well-trained, uniformed insurgents commanded by the Nicaraguan Liberal General Augusto Sandino, on the outskirts of the town of Quilali.

The headquarters of the Marine Corps states that the Nicaraguans suffered severe casualties but the exact number is unknown.

A BELGIAN DIS-
ASTER.EXPLOSIVES' FACTORY
BLOWN TO PIECES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2nd.

An explosives' factory at Lanaken near Tongres has been blown to pieces and five men were killed and four buried in the debris.

FRANCO-AMERICAN
TREATY.NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESSING
SATISFACTORILY."OUTLAWRY OF WAR"
PACT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, January 2nd.

Well-informed quarters have received information, it is stated, which shows that negotiations with Washington are progressing favourably for the renewal of the Franco-American Treaty of Arbitration, 1913, the provisions of which it is proposed to extend. The United States Government are also stated to be ready to negotiate with France for the conclusion of a treaty for the outlawry of war between the two countries provided the pact is open to all other Powers wishing to undertake the same obligations.

THE FLIGHT TO
HANOI.

THRILLING ADVENTURES.

MISSING LINER LOCATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BEIRUT, Dec. 31st.

A stirring account of the perils and hardships suffered by the crew of the French aeroplane *Georges Guenne*, flying from Paris to Hanoi, is given by Capt. Antoinet, the commander.

He said that after leaving Rome on the way to Athens, a storm blew them far out of their course, over the Mediterranean Sea.

The cold was so terrible that the pilot, faint and another man replaced him.

They battled the storm and fog for hours. Petrol was almost exhausted when they reached Adalia, where the Turks arrested them on a false charge, and were only released after strong protests to the authorities.

"Cursed And Beaten."

The flight was resumed in the teeth of a raging storm. They were horrified to see a steamer and three sailing ships engulfed in the waves and the aeroplane nearly shared the same fate owing to a stay-breaking, but they managed to land near Mersina, where the fliers were surrounded by a mob of armed peasants who cursed and beat them.

Rescue In Nick Of Time.

The French Consul induced the Turkish authorities to come to the rescue in the nick of time as the mob were preparing to burn the aeroplane and all the crew who were now half-dead from thirst and hunger.

The aeroplane re-started at dawn on Christmas Day and arrived at Rayak from where it is expected to resume the flight in January after repairs to the machine.

MISSING AIR LINER.

CAIRO, Dec. 31st.

At the conclusion of an all-day search an Air Force plane has located the missing Cairo-Bagdad air liner 50 miles south of the Air Force landing ground. The Air Force is called "LGS." Apparently all aboard are well. Petrol is being transported to enable the liner to proceed.

A message from Bagdad stated: An air liner with mails failed to arrive last night from Cairo. A wireless was received from the pilot saying that he was forced to land in the desert 200 miles from Bagdad.

Another Imperial Airways machine from Bagdad early this morning was unable to find the missing aeroplane at the position indicated. The search was resumed in the afternoon by a machine piloted by Captain Warner whose wife is a passenger on the missing liner which is believed to have descended in an area populated by a wild Arab tribe.

BRITISH FLIGHT TO CHINA.

DEPARTURE POSTPONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 30th.

Two half-pay Air Force pilots, Newall and Vincent, were obliged to-day to postpone their Far East flying venture owing to the risk of taking off from the snow-bound Edwards Aerodrome.

"They intend to fly as soon as possible across Europe to India and Singapore, returning, if practicable, through China and Russia."

BRITAIN'S WINTRY
WEATHER.

RAILWAY SERVICES NORMAL.

PLANES DELIVER FOOD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 30th.

The railway services are now normal and with the subsidence of the gale steamer services across the Channel have been resumed in full. Cross-channel air services are not only normal but have had to be augmented owing to the demand for seats. In addition to their usual silver wing service at noon the Imperial Airways had to put on a "special" service of Handley-Page-Napier air liners.

Road traffic, however, is little easier, and small towns and villages remain a snowbound. Aeroplanes have been used in some localities to bring badly needed supplies to isolated places. For instance, an aeroplane piloted by Captain Hope, the winner of the King's Cup, was leaving London Aerodrome this evening to fly low over five snowed up villages near London and drop parcels containing tins of condensed milk.

One result of the wintry conditions is that many people who had arranged visits to Switzerland for winter sports have cancelled them as they can get all the winter sports they want at home. The frozen state of ponds and waterways has indeed brought about a revival of ice skating which has languished for many years owing to unsuitable conditions, and tobogganing and sledging are proceeding merrily.

Fears Of Flooding.

Rugby, Jan. 2nd.

Thaw, which set in on Saturday night, continues and fears of floods, as great accumulations of snow melt, are causing anxiety. Up to the present thaw has been gradual but rapid melting will mean a recurrence of serious flooding in the lower Thames.

Unlucky Motorists.

The emergency twenty-four hours' telephone service, organised by the Automobile Association, has proved of great value to motorists in search of information regarding the state of roads, many of which are still blocked. A large number of motorists, overtaken by snow, have not yet recovered their machines, of which some are embedded in drifts and a still larger number are stored in country garages, in localities where blocked roads forced them to abandon them nearly a week ago.

BRITISH NAVAL
HONOURS.CHINA STATION OFFICERS
PROMOTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 31st.

The *Gazette* announces that Commander A. Maikland-Douglas has been promoted Captain for his services during the recent attack at Nanking.

Comdr. Miles of the sloop *Holly-hock* is also promoted Captain. For services during the recent disturbances in China, the following have been promoted Commanders:

Lt. Comdr. Boulthée of the gunboat *Saurab*.
Lt. Comdr. Maund of the cruiser *Curlew*.
Lt. Comdr. Calderon of the destroyer *Wivern*.

GUN ELEVATION.

SENATOR KELLOGG'S
DENIAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31st.

Senator Kellogg (Secretary of State) has authorized a denial of Press reports that the British Government had elevated guns on its battleships after the Washington Treaty and then objected to the United States doing the same.

The denial says "The British Government informed the United States that it has not elevated its guns and we are satisfied that this is correct." The British Government is not now objecting to gun elevation by the United States.

BRITISH REVENUE.
RETURNS.

SATISFACTORY FIGURES.

DEATH DUTIES "UP."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 31st.

The revenue returns show that for three-fourths of the financial year to December 31st there has been a net increase of £13,500,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

The chief increase is in death duties, which are up by £8,500,000, of which over £2,000,000 came to hand in the last three months.

The total revenue for nine months is shown at £192,500,000 against which the expenditure chargeable is £84,500,000 which is an increase of £17,500,000 over the corresponding period of last year.

This increase, however, is more than accounted for by the increase in the sinking fund of over £21,000,000.

There is an actual decrease in the supply budget of over £28,000,000.

In his budget the Chancellor of the Exchequer estimated the year's revenue at £334,833,000, so that if the budget is to be realised a large sum still remains to be collected.

In the last three months of last year, however, no less than £345,500,000 was raised and there is generally a bigger inflow of revenue in the final quarter of the financial year.

THE BRITISH TRADE
OUTLOOK.ENCOURAGING OFFICIAL
NOTE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 30th.

A more encouraging note is struck in official quarters regarding the trade outlook for Great Britain than has been the case for some time past. Reports available for guidance, indicate that following the disastrous period in 1926, when prolonged industrial troubles caused a serious setback to the trade of the country and the few months of stagnation which were experienced this year, after an accumulation of old orders had been worked off, signs of improvement became apparent about last August.

The volume of exports of British produce and manufactures in the year 1927 marked the culmination of one of the greatest periods of trade expansion in the economic history of the country. Yet the volume for the first nine months of 1927 was 77.4 per cent. of that period in 1926. The falling off in volume needs also to be qualified by the consideration that any given quantity of textile goods, new exchanges for more of other goods than before the war, cotton, wool, silk and flax having all advanced notably in price as compared with raw materials in general.

LORD ASQUITH AND THE
TELEPHONE.

NEVER USED IT.

Lord Oxford and Asquith has not learned to speak on the telephone, though he is 75 and has been in politics for nearly 40 years according to Lady Violet Bonham-Carter. Lord Oxford's daughter, Lord Dalziel, who, at the age of 73, is chairman of the Pullman Car Company, Ltd., and president of the board of directors of the International Sleeping Car Co., said to a *Daily Mail* reporter:

I spend the greater part of my days and nights on the telephone, and I cannot conceive how any man in business or in politics, can do without the telephone.

I don't see why any man should have difficulty in speaking on the 'phone. It is often easier to talk to some men over the telephone than in actual conversation.

Lord Southwark would not have the telephone fixed in the house until five or six years ago, because he hated it, but now he is devoted to it. I cannot understand how anybody can do without it.

Lord Southwark is 84.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

Five matches were postponed and one match was not played in the English League programme for last Saturday. Division III. (Southern) played four matches short of their programme and only Division III. (Northern) completed their full list.

Scoring was on the whole poor. Home teams had a larger number of wins and a majority of the total goals scored. Accrington, Division III. (Northern), made the highest score, netting seven goals to Nelson's one. In the same section Bradford City had five goals to Ashington's one.

The only change in leading position took place in Division III. (Northern). Doncaster by losing their match to Lincoln gave the premier place to Bradford who won against Durham by the only goal in the match. Changes in other positions are very slight.

The Scottish League also dropped two matches out. Two home teams had five goals each to their credit.

GOALS AND WINS.

Division I.

Goals:—Home Teams, 22; Away Teams, 15; Total, 37. Home Wins, 6; Away Wins, 2; Drawn Matches, 1.

Division II.

Goals:—Home Teams, 14; Away Teams, 6; Total, 20. Home Wins, 6; Away Wins, 2; Drawn Matches, 2.

Division III. (Southern).

Goals:—Home Teams, 13; Away Teams, 7; Total, 20. Home Wins, 3; Away Wins, 2; Drawn Matches, 2.

Division III. (Northern).

Goals:—Home Teams, 19; Away Teams, 7; Total, 26. Home Wins, 4; Away Wins, 4; Drawn Matches, 3.

Grand Totals.

Goals:—Home Teams, 68; Away Teams, 35; Grand Total, 103. Home Wins, 19; Away Wins, 11; Drawn Matches, 8.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

The results of the matches played in the English League on Saturday, as called by Reuters, are as under:

Division I.

Arsenal 3, Bury 1.
Birmingham 3, Tottenham 2.
Bolton 2, Cardiff 1.
Burnley 3, Blackburn 1.
Leicester 3, Aston Villa 0.
Liverpool 2, Sheffield U. 1.
Middlesbrough 1, Manchester U. 0.
Newcastle 2, Huddersfield 3.
Wednesday 1, Everton 2.
West Ham 2, Derby 2.

The match between Portsmouth and Sunderland was postponed.

Division II.

Bristol C. 1, Notts County 2.
Chelsea 0, Reading 0.
Clapton 1, Gillingham 2.
Hull 2, Barnsley 1.
Leeds 3, South Shields 0.
Manchester C. 3, Wolves 0.
Preston 1, Fulham 0.
Stoke 2, Southampton 1.
Swansea 1, Blackpool 0.
West Brom. 0, Oldham 0.

The match between Nottingham Forest and Port Vale was postponed.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford 1, Brighton 3.
Crystal Pal. 2, Norwich 1.
Exeter 3, Torquay 0.
Gillingham 1, Charlton 1.
Luton 0, Southend 0.
Millwall 3, Northants 0.
Walsall 1, Bristol R. 2.

The match between Coventry and Watford was not played. The matches between Merthyr and Plymouth, Newport and Queen's Park Rangers, Swindon and Bournemouth were postponed.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington 7, Nelson 1.
Bradford C. 5, Ashington 0.
Durham 0, Bradford 1.
Halifax 0, Crewe 0.
Hartlepool 1, Wigan 1.
Lincoln 2, Doncaster 0.
New Brighton 0, Darlington 0.
Rochdale 3, Barrow 0.
Rotherham 0, Stockport 1.
Southport 0, Tranmere 1.
Wrexham 1, Chesterfield 2.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Aberdeen 2, Queen's Park 1.
Airdrieonians 2, Hibernians 2.
Cowdenbeath 0, Falkirk 2.
Hearts 2, Hamilton 1.
Motherwell 5, Clyde 0.
Partick T. 2, Dundee 2.
St. Johnstone 0, Rangers 1.
St. Mirren 5, Dunfermline 1.

The match between Boness and Kilmarnock was not played. The match between Celtic and Raith Rovers was postponed.

LEAGUE TABLES.

The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I), up to and including matches completed on Saturday, are appended:

DIVISION I.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	23	13	6	4	33	32
Huddersfield	22	12	4	6	33	28
Leicester	21	11	6	7	32	28
Arsenal	21	10	5	6	45	23
Cardiff	23	9	7	7	41	23
Blackburn	23	8	9	6	32	23
Newcastle	23	8	7	8	35	23
Liverpool	22	10	3	9	48	23
West Ham	23	11	1	11	45	23
Burnley	23	11	1	11	45	23
Tottenham	22	9	4	9	41	22
Middlesbrough	23	7	8	8	30	22
Manchester U.	23	9	4	10	39	22
Bolton	21	8	5	8	38	21
Derby	23	10	1	12	42	21
Sunderland	21	7	6	9	37	20
Derby	22	7	6	9	34	20
Aston Villa	23	8	4	11	43	20
Sheffield U.	23	7	10	10	25	16
Birmingham	22	6	8	9	36	15
Portsmouth	22	6	5	11	35	16
Wednesday	23	4	7	12	30	15

DIVISION II.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	22	13	6	3	42	32
Preston	23	13	6	4	47	29
Manchester City	22	14	3	5	52	31
Leeds U.	23	14	3	6	50	31
Oldham	22	11	6	5	44	28
Bristol C.	23	11	4	8	48	26
Notts For.	22	11	3	8	52	29
Stoke	22	10	5	7	38	23
Port Vale	22	11	2	9	40	24
Gillingham	22	8	7	7	39	23
West Brom.	23	8	7	8	46	23
Swansea	23	9	5	9	46	23
Reading	23	8	7	7	27	22
Hull City	22	7	10	5	40	21
Clapton	22	7	7	9	40	21
Notts C.	22	7	9	3	42	19
Barnsley	23	6	6	11	31	17
Reading	23	6	6	11	31	17
Southampton	23	6	12	32	46	16
Wolves	23	6	12	32	46	16
Fulham	22	5	12	35	51	15
Blackpool	23	5	13	36	56	15
S. Shields	22	2	15	30	68	9

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Millwall	22	13	3	4	71	33
Northants	20	14	1	5	56	31
Exeter	21	11	7	3	41	24
Charlton	20	8	9	3	29	23
Plymouth	21	11	3	7	48	25
Swindon	18	9	5	4	30	27
Southend	19	11	1	7	37	23
Q.P.R.	20	9	4	7	37	22
Brighton	21	8	4	9	33	21
Newport	22	9	3	11	46	21
Brentford	22	8	5	9	35	19
Bournemouth	21	7	5	9	35	19
Crystal Pal.	19	6	7	6	29	18
Norwich	20	7	4	9	30	18
Coventry	20	7	4	9	30	18
Bristol R.	21	7	2	12	41	16
Merthyr	22	5	6	11	31	15
Watford	20	6	3	11	32	15
Gillingham	20	4	7	9	29	12
Walsall	21	6	2	13	30	14
Luton	20	5	3	12	40	13
Torquay	20	4	5	11	19	13

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bradford	20	14	4	2	49	32
Doncaster	21	14	3	4	46	31
Lincoln	22	12	4	6	45	28
Halifax	22	9	7	6	43	23
Wrexham	22	11	3	8	37	25
Tranmere	19	9	6	4	36	24
Accrington	20	8	8	4	43	24
Rochdale	18	11	1	6	42	23
Stockport	20	10	3	7	31	23
Hartlepool	22	9	3	10	35	21
Bradford C.	20	8	8	6	38	20
Darlington	20	8	4	8	36	20
Southport	21	9	2	10	42	20
N. Brighton	20	7	8	5	34	19
Chesterfield	20	6	10	34	43	15
Rotherham	20	6	9	34	34	17
Darham	21	6	4	11	29	16
Nelson	20	6	3	11	30	15
Crewe	21	4	7	10	34	16
Wigan	21	4	5	12	28	13
Barrow	21	4	5	12	27	13
Ashington	21	3	6	12	25	12

SCOTTISH LEAGUE:

(DIVISION I)

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	20	18	3	1	68	35
Motherwell	21	13	4	2	55	31
Celtic	19	10	6	3	42	26
Hearts	21	12	2	7	47	27
Kilmarnock	20	9	5	6	38	23
St. Mirren	21	11	2	8	44	24
Cowden	21	10	3	8	36	23
Falkirk	21	10	2	9	44	22
Hibernians	21	10	2	9	40	22
Aberdeen	22	10	2	10	36	22
Partick	21	8	5	8	46	21
St. Johnstone	22	8	4	10	37	20
Airdrie	21	7	8	37	37	19
Queen's Pk.	21	7	4	10	38	19
Dundee	21	7	4	10	34	18
Hamilton	21	7	2	12	38	18
Raith R.	20	6	11	41	54	15
Clyde	21	6	13	28	43	14
Bo'ness	20	5	14	24	49	11
Dunfermline	21	3	17	18	70	7

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

ARMY AGAIN BEAT THE NAVY.

The following games played on Saturday last resulted as under:—

CHARITY GAME.

Army 4, Royal Navy 1.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division II. "B."

China Athletic 7, Moslem Club 0.
Kung Woo 4, South China "A" 1.
South China "B" 3, Boy Scouts 0.

Royal Navy v. Army.

The annual match for Services Charities was played at Sookunpoo on Saturday last before a large attendance. H.E. Major General C. E. Luard being among those present. Mr. Baldwin had charge of the game. The Pipe Band of the Scots Guards played selections on the field before the kick off and during the interval.

Both sides made changes from the advertised teams. Campbell replaced Larkin on the Army side, while Knight and Brockman substituted for Northey and Bradley in the Navy team. Evans led the Navy attack.

The game was very fast the halves on both sides being safe. Leonard got through for the Navy but sent outside. McNiven worried the Navy defence and after twenty minutes scored from a pass by McIlhenny. Brockman was a bit slow in clearing and McNiven rushing in just got his head to the ball. Chances to score were missed by both sides.

From the restart the Army attacked strongly but Barkham and Baker defended well. McNiven got through and sent in hard to Brockman who turned behind. Pulford put the Army further ahead when he placed the ball over his head and McNiven rushing the goalie the ball went into the net. Campbell scored the Army third goal. Taking the ball from the rebound off the crossbar he easily beat Brockman.

Overcoming by the goalie led up to this goal. McNiven was responsible for the fourth goal. Working out to the right, the Guardsman sent in a last shot and the ball glancing off Barkham entered the net giving the Army a four goals lead. The Navy scored following a free kick against Everest. The Navy tried hard to reduce the Army lead, but when the final whistle sounded they were in arrears, the final score being: Army 4, Royal Navy 1.

On the run of the game the Army deserved their win. The absence of Northey from the Navy attack made a great difference to the side.

A couple of mistakes by the Army backs in the opening minutes gave the Navy a chance that was not accepted. After a time the Queen's pair played a useful game at back. Simms was his usual self although he was well looked after. McNiven was shining in the attack, while the Rev. Alexander has not played a better game this season. Everest and Carswell kept the Navy wings well covered, while Anderson stopped a couple of good scoring shots. Bulcombe on the Navy right had not enough to do. Dear played a hard game in the Navy pivotal position. Barkham and Baker did well at back. The forwards lacked that understanding necessary to score goals.

LEAGUE DIVISION II. "B."

China Athletic v. Moslem Club.

By seven clear goals, the Athletic beat the Moslem Club on the South China ground. Pang Kam Wing, Li Hung Ching and Lo Chi Yin scored in the first half. Li Hung Ching (2), Pang Kam Wing and Lo Chi Yin in the second.

South China "B" v. Boy Scouts.

By three clear goals, the "B" team beat the Boy Scouts on the South China ground. Ho Chi Wing (2) and Pau Tung Wah scored the goals in the first half. No score in the second half.

Kung Woo v. South China "A"

Owing to the Yaumati ground being unfit, the game between the above teams was played on the Chatham Road ground. Kung Woo won the game by four goals to one.

MONDAY'S GAME.

KOWLOON F.C. ANNUAL MATCH.

Married beat The Singles.

This annual game was played on the Kowloon F.C. ground yesterday and ended in a win for the Married by five goals to nil. A driving rain throughout the game spoiled the play, but the game was keenly contested. F. C. Clemo (4) and McKelvie (penalty) scored the goals.

(Continued on next Column.)

POLO.

BHOPAL WIN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

[THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, Jan. 2nd.

Bhopal has won the International Polo Association Championship by defeating the Deccan Travellers 6 to 1.

AT THE POLICE RECREATION CLUB.

HON. MR. E. D. C. WOLFE, C.M.G., CONGRATULATED.

Although the ground was not in very good condition owing to the damp weather yesterday, the annual sports and Christmas Tree for the children at the Police Recreation Club passed off very successfully.

The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Marks, Kent, Alexander, Thorpe and Taylor.

In addition to the sports events for children and the ladies' races were run by the senior officers of the Service, the results of which appear below.

Mrs. Wolfe distributed the prizes both for the afternoon's sports and for those won during the season. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers in a silver vase at the close, amid very hearty applause.

Mr. W. Kent (A.S.P.) in thanking Mrs. Wolfe for being there to distribute the prizes and for the part she had played with the other ladies, particularly Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Kent, in the afternoon's arrangements, expressed also thanks to Mr. J. H. Taggart and other prize donors for their generosity.

Congratulations were also offered to the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police) on receiving the honour of C.M.G.

Mr. Wolfe, in responding, referred to the loyal support he had always had from the officers of the various departments of which he was the head, and he stressed the fact that without such co-operation from the Service he could not have expected to receive such an honour. This, Mr. Wolfe said, was not only a personal honour but one for the entire Police Force. (Applause.)

Afternoon's Sports Results.

Ladies' Coconut Shy.—Mrs. Goble, Mrs. Glendinning, Mrs. Rogers.

Boys over 7.—Gordon Marks, Albert Moss, Terry Kern.

Boys under 7.—Ronnie Hoare, Bobby Bloor, John Alexander.

Girls over 7.—Mavis Glendinning, Kathleen Glover, Kathleen Wolfe.

Girls under 7.—Elsie Hunt, Eileen Barnett.

Egg and Spoon Race.—Mrs. Chester-Woods, Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Baker.

Girls under 40.—Mr. Post, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Noonan.

Girls over 40.—Mr. Kent, Mr. Wolfe, Mr. King.

Season's Prize Winners.

Bowls—Pairs Handicap.—Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Moss.

Club Championship.—1. Mr. Buchanan; 2. Mr. Glendinning.

Shield Competition.—Mr. Buchanan's team.

Singles Handicap.—1. Mr. Pears; 2. Mr. Wiltshire.

NoVICES Bowls.—1. Mr. Randle; 2. Mr. Baker.

Cricket.—Mr. Lucey (hat trick).

CHRISTIE AND BLUMH.

POLICE EVIDENCE.

THE PROSECUTION CON-
CLUDED.

The case for the prosecution was concluded before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday when James Christie and Christopher Blumh were charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud the police reservist, Au Young, who was instructed by the Police to pose as a buyer of morphia.

Mr. Alexander Ogilvie, proprietor of the Victoria Private Hotel, Victoria Gardens, Kowloon, in the witness box, said that Christie arrived from Swatow by the s.s. *Hydrurga* on September 7th and went to stay at his hotel but did not board there. He kept the room on up to the time of his arrest on November 16th.

Mr. Ogilvie also gave details of Blumh's stay at the hotel.

Neither of accused, Mr. Ogilvie proceeded, paid his bills regularly, and he had to press them for payment. Christie had borrowed \$25 from him and \$17 was still owing.

Accused's outstanding accounts on November 16th were Christie \$79.35, and Blumh \$35.65.

Replying to Mr. Leask, witness said that he still had as security in his hotel Christie's luggage and clothing. Christie had some good clothing and three trunks. Blumh had only a basket, and his property was of no big value.

By the Magistrate: The two accused had paid a little of their bills. He thought that Christie paid a total of over \$50, whilst Blumh paid only \$15 or \$20.

Evidence of the accused's arrest at 12.15 p.m., on November 16th at No. 490, Nathan Road, Kowloon, was given by Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds. That morning he handed to Au Young three \$100 and two \$10 notes, all forged, of which he had previously noted the numbers. After the accused's arrest in the presence of Au Young and Haynes who were there, witness searched Christie and on him found the three \$100 forged notes which he (witness) had handed to Au Young.

In connection with the passport charge against Blumh, Mr. King produced a Latvian and a Chinese passport, and after inspecting them, the C.D.I. said that neither passport had a visa from a British Consul or other authority as required by the Passport Ordinance.

Answering questions with regard to Blumh's passports, the C.D.I. said that a Canton passport would not be accepted in Hong Kong unless it bore the British Consul's stamp.

ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS'
COLLEGE.SUCCESSFUL CONCERT IN AID
OF BUILDING FUND.

A successful concert in aid of the school building fund was given on Saturday evening, under the auspices of St. Stephen's Boys' College, at the Hall of St. Stephen's Girls' College.

Two outstanding items were a charming Chinese play presented by the staff and students of Fairless Girls' School and an "English Sketch" by the staff and others.

There was quite a good audience and a very pleasant time was spent. The programme was as follows:—Chinese Play: Staff and students of Fairless Girls' School.

"Can You Beat It?": Mr. Li Shiu Chuen and friends.

Violin Solo: Mr. J. Braga, Ave Maria—Schubert-Witthelm.

Dance, Solo: Miss Helen Ho, English Sketch: Staff and others.

Dance, Solo: Miss Daisy Woo, Piano Solo: Miss Braga.

Violin Solo: Mr. J. Braga, Polish Dance—Wienlawski.

Dances: (a) Duet, Miss Stella Ho and Miss Helen Ho; (b) Solo, Miss Ellen Ford.

Chinese Boxing: Ching Woo Club.

LIGHTS OUT IN PARLIA-
MENT.

CANDLES ON DESPATCH BOX.

M.P.s SPEAK BY MATCHLIGHT.

Reuter cables gave at the time accounts of the scene in the House of Commons when the electric lights failed. A London paper to hand gives the following amusing description of the scene and the jokes which it inspired:—

WESTMINSTER.
The complete failure of the electric light in both Houses of Parliament plunged the Palace of Westminster into darkness for nearly an hour.

Important debates were in progress in both Houses. The Peers were considering the terms of the appointment of the Royal Commission on Indian Government and the Commons were discussing disarmament. Both sittings were suspended.

"In the House of Commons Commander Kenworthy was attacking the Government and out of the darkness he said, 'I am going on with my speech, Mr. Speaker,' but such a course was obviously impossible, and the Speaker, his voice coming out of the blackness, announced that he would suspend the sitting until the lights reappeared."

COLLISIONS IN THE LOBBIES.
Some members groped their way into the lobbies, where they collided with each other in the darkness. About 100 preferred to remain in the House, where they could be heard laughing and joking, but remained unseen to each other.

There was a "call for candles, since no other alternative means of illumination exists in the House, but these could not at first be found. Eventually they were brought in, but they made only a small pool of light in the circumambient darkness."

Minutes passed and then there was a cheer when from the central lobby appeared the dim figures of the Chief Whip, Commander Eyles-Moncell, and Sir Harry Brittain carrying a large, brown bag. This contained candles, which were placed on the table, some two dozen in all, and for the first time the scene was revealed.

Not a single member was in possession of an electric torch. Several of them struck matches in the earlier part of the darkness, and Commander Kenworthy tried to continue his speech with the aid of a match held in front of him, but someone immediately blew it out.

MIND THE GREASE!
When the candles were being lit Mr. Kirkwood, from the darkness of the back benches, called out that this was a Mass for the corpse of the Government.

"Yes, and the Conservatives are supplying the candles," said Sir Harry Brittain.

When the candles were lit another Socialist member caused a general laugh by saying: "This is the first failure of the Government Electricity Bill."

Candles were guttering in the draught on the table, and even on the famous Despatch Box, till Miss Bondfield, with a woman's practical mind, saw the possibility of the grease ruining its polished surface and came forward with order papers, which she placed beneath the candles.

Many more minutes passed while in the dim light Ministers and Opposition leaders faced each other and joked. Mr. J. H. Thomas drifted in, and Mr. Lansbury jocularly proposed that he should take the chair—or anything else he can."

At 10.15 p.m. a cheer greeted the sudden reappearance of electric light. It was at first very dim and ineffectual but later acquired intensity, and at 6.25 p.m. the Speaker, amid loud cheers, again took the chair and the debate was resumed.

The cause of the breakdown being at first unknown, the uniformed and plain clothes police squads undertook an intensive patrol of every part of the building, which was only discontinued when it was known that the fault lay outside and not in local failure.

MEDIEVAL SCENE.

Giant Candelabra Used In House
Of Lords.

In the House of Lords the lights failed while Lord Olivier was speaking, but he continued in darkness for six minutes. The official reporters, of course, were unable to take a word of his speech. Then three candles were brought in by the attendants and he continued for another five minutes.

A happy idea then occurred to the authorities. On each side of the Throne hung two giant candelabra, and it was discovered that they were fitted with candles, a lower ring of 20 and a higher ring of 10.

Steps were brought and these were lit, and with the light of 80 candles the House of Lords appeared transformed into a strange spectacle of medieval beauty.

(Continued on next column.)

FUNERAL PYRE OF CATTLE
HERDS.POLICE CORDON ROUND A
FOREST AREA.

DEMONSTRATIONS.

LYNDHURST, Nov. 22nd.

Strange sights and experiences meet the wayfarer who to-day adventures through the New Forest country, writes a *Daily Express* correspondent.

He gains an inside view of the intensive campaign, which the Ministry of Agriculture, aided by the mobilised forces of the Hampshire Constabulary, is waging against the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease which is devastating the farm stock in this beautiful corner of England.

Here and there on my own observations in the battle area: "I came by a devious track to that little old inn, the Sir Walter Tyrell, within sight of the famous stone marking the spot where Rufus of England met his death from an arrow shaft."

A funeral pyre smouldered in the inn yard. A staring red-letter notice informed me there was "No admittance by order of the Ministry of Agriculture." A policeman warned me that, under pains and penalties for refusal, I must leave my footway in a brimming bucket of disinfectant.

Appeal To Motorists.
All through the forest, on roadside trees and open spaces were yellow placards, which read:—

Foot-and-mouth disease. Motorists are earnestly requested to keep off the grass on commons and unenclosed land in this district, in order to minimise the risk of infection being carried to other places. This appeal is made by the Automobile Association with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Four houses, part of the village of Brook, were cut off from the rest of the community by a notice "Admittance forbidden" and a police sentry to enforce the orders. The occupiers of those four houses had 108 cattle and pigs destroyed. The hamlet has been deprived of farm stock to prevent the spreading of the plague.

I was told a killing was in progress at Minstead. Sounds of single shots, at set intervals, echoed from the forest as I tramped along a freshly churned cart track through the bracken to meet again a police sentry by a field gate.

Dead Animals.
Five dead cows sprawled in a row. Men were dragging behind them the bodies of young pigs to add to the pile. The larger pigs were trailed across the field from their pens by ropes slung to a pony cart.

All about were the implements for burning: a heap of coal, faggots, straw, and a canister of oil. I imagine how the forest, small holders—men and women of little property—feel when they know their animals must be killed because they have been in touch with possible infection. They are simple, slow-reasoning folk, these New Forest dwellers, and over the policy of slaughter they are arguing themselves into a state of hostility against the Ministry's inspectors.

Police, however, prevent any overt act, although I did come across one man who, standing in the highway, was raving hotly against a veterinary surgeon inspecting a herd of cattle.

Warning Broadcast.
A broadcast warning was issued from the B.B.C. station at Bourne mouth to-day telling farmers and owners to watch their animals most carefully and to communicate, if they think anything is wrong, at once.

No definite decision has yet been taken with regard to the New Forest deer. "That is a matter which the Ministry at Whitehall will settle," said a senior inspector to me. "It is a question for the gravest and most careful consideration."

One fresh outbreak of the disease was confirmed to-day in the parish of Brook.

A report which may lead to a prosecution has been submitted to Whitehall in connection with the original outbreak.

Hunting in the Camberley district is prohibited, and the meets of the Aldershot dragoons and hounds are abandoned.

For a little while an attempt was made to continue the debate, but after another five minutes the Lord Chancellor thought it wiser to suspend the proceedings, and the peers, like the M.P.s, sat waiting for better illumination.

There were weird scenes at first in the lobbies. Gradually a supply of candles filtered through the building.

Little groups of M.P.s were met making their candle-light progress down the dark committee corridors, and police constables were likewise helping women visitors to leave the House.

DRY CHAMPAGNE.

IN GREATER DEMAND AND
DEARER.RESULT OF THREE SEASONS'
FAILURE.

One of the best-known figures in the champagne world tells me, says a writer in the *Evening Standard*, that less champagne is not, as a matter of fact, being demanded, in spite of my statement (which he does not refute) the other day that last year 8,000,000 fewer bottles were sold from Rheims on the French market. The reason for this is primarily that the largest firms of champagne shippers are short of the best quality wine.

The demand in European champagne-drinking countries is steadily increasing for extraordinary quality and "decreasing" for the sweeter quality. It is impossible to use any but first-class wine if it is to be dry wine; almost every defence can be covered up by sweetening the wine. This being so, and with the years 1922, 1924-5, and 1927 complete, or almost complete, failures, the available supply of the best quality wine has been proportionately reduced.

There is not enough of it to go round, and shippers have increased their prices in France to 20 or 30 francs a bottle wholesale, with the avowed intention of cutting down the demand.

Why It Is Dear.
My friend does not consider the present prices of champagne at all extortionate. For a bottle of the best champagne to-day one has to pay a wine merchant 12s. or 14s., instead of 8s. or 10s. before the war, and the duty is now more than four times what it was then—that is, 31s. as against 7s. 6d. That the Rheims area was devastated and has had to be rebuilt must be taken into consideration.

As for the high price of champagne in restaurants, this is partly the public's own fault. The restaurant cannot make a work of profit on its food alone, and for this people refuse to pay more than a certain amount. Also, they are spoiled by being able to choose from about a hundred dishes, thus paying not for what they get but for what they might have had, for the less in the cold store room are vast.

Powdered servants and a high-price jazzband (one smallish establishment pays its band £10,000 a year) are other reasons why a restaurant must charge 100 per cent on the gross purchase price for his champagne.

OLD BRANDY SWINDLE.

SOOTED BOTTLES.

DANCE CLUB VICTIMS.

In a letter to *The Daily Mail* Mr. Charles E. Stamboulis draws attention to what he describes as the vintage brandy "ramp" in certain dance clubs, restaurants, and hotels throughout the country.

He declares that to expose the way in which brandy five or six years old is sold as 1863 or some other old vintage, in carefully sooted bottles with impressive labels, would be to do a real service to genuine shippers of authentic Cognac and to the firms who not only distil the spirit but own vineyards in the Cognac district of Charant.

"The," writes Mr. Stamboulis, "have hundreds of agents who register their names at the post offices as Cognac merchants and shippers, but the only business that they do is to catch British buyers of brandy as soon as they arrive in the district."

99 Per Cent. Faked.
Mr. Stamboulis told a reporter that nearly 99 per cent. of the so-called vintage brandy that is sold from bottles in restaurants, hotels and dance clubs in England is faked.

He continued: "In some cases vintage brandy is mixed with cheap stuff, but mostly the glasses—for which 4s. or 4s. 6d. is charged—contain brandy not more than 10 years old at the most."

Bordeaux is the real headquarters of the vintage brandy ramp. There are people there making fortunes out of labels. Often people in this country pay £2 10s. for a bottle of brandy that is worth only 10s. They pay 10s. for the brandy and £2 for the bottle.

The labels on these bottles bear high-sounding names like *Fin Napoleon*—whatever that may mean—and any old date is printed on them. The bottles themselves are carefully smeared with wax and then covered with dirt to give them an appearance of great age.

Look At The Label.
There are 25 firms selling genuine vintage brandy in some of the agents who assist the latter.

The way to know a genuine bottle of vintage brandy is to look for the labels of the growers and the bottlers, and if brandy is drunk in a hotel or a restaurant the customer should insist on seeing the bottle opened.

GUNMEN WHO RUN UNIONS.

MEETINGS CONTROLLED BY
ARMED MEN.

NEW CHICAGO INDUSTRY.

New York.
The acquittal at Chicago, by an obviously intimidated jury, of "Lefty" Lewis, a well-known bandit who was charged with murder, has called attention to a new type of Chicago criminal whose business it is to organise and exploit trade unions and business associations.

The Public Prosecutor has coined a significant word to describe these criminals. He calls them "racketeers." They have formed themselves into a syndicate whose activities are "too strange for fiction."

Lewis organised rag-and-bone dealers into a union after, so it was alleged, shooting at a public meeting one dealer who refused to support him and the salary he claimed. Witnesses against Lewis had their houses bombed, and the judge openly complained that the jurymen were being subjected to a reign of terror.

According to the *New York Times*, quite a number of trade unions and business associations are now operated as private concerns by "certain colourful characters" whose specialties range all the way to wholesale murder. A syndicate of "racketeers," says the *Times*, is now scientifically plundering at least a score of unions, and it adds:

Compulsion On Employers.
All over the city there are business men who have been induced, at the point of the gun, to become members of some n.v. co-operative or protective association and have been kept in line by bombthrowers and window-smashers. All sorts of small business men have almost unanimously joined some association in which they have no interest but fear.

They have paid without question whatever dues or fines were assessed and have attended meetings presided over by armed men whom they have never seen before.

Recently the president of a local trade union informed a committee of employers with whom he was dealing that he wished to introduce his successor to them, he himself having accepted a municipal appointment. The man thus introduced proved to be a notorious gunman and beer-runner who had never worked a single day at the craft of which he is now a "boss."

EVER-GROWING ENGLISH CITIES.

PROGRESSIVE HANDS TURNING VILLAGES
INTO TOWNS.

The Oxford City Council have decided to promote a Parliamentary Bill for the extension of their boundaries to include the industrial region created by the motor-car industry. This movement is a definite step towards permanently increasing Oxford's permanently increasing suburb, and centre of the motor-car industry, within the bounds of Oxford.

Cowley is only one of the many English villages that have in recent years slowly awakened under a progressive hand, that have expanded into towns, and in all probability will be the cities of the future.

Meanwhile, these world-renowned cities, such as Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, and Leeds, that were the inspiration of man's mind, and that have prospered solely through centuries of manual labour, are yearly increasing in population, and expanding their boundaries until they will finally absorb all the surrounding villages and towns in the task of making England one grand vast city.

City Of Steel.
It is difficult to imagine that Sheffield, the grim, efficient city of steel, was once a small Norman settlement fortified by a single stone fortress. Sheffield was quiet in those far-off days, and her natural riches were undiscovered. Then the castle became a pleasant manor, and all that comprised Sheffield was frequently passed from generation to generation as a marriage dowry. It was not until the seventeenth century that the waters of the Humber, the forests of timber, and the iron, coal, and sandstone discovered in the locality were fully exploited, and the future of Sheffield was planned, the cutlery industry fostered. Sheffield to-day has a population of 500,000 inhabitants, who, like their ancestors, are bent on making her still greater.

Crewe is another town, which might still have been a forgotten village sunk in its own petty importance if it had not been adopted years ago by the London and North-Western Railway Company. Now Crewe exists as a solid fact in the minds of the general public instead of merely a name on the map, and as a rival industrial area among the city-builders of England. Railways and locomotives are the life and soul of the modern Crewe, in place of the snug village life that was, and still might have been.

Yet the remarkable growth of the cities of England, resulting from centuries of co-operation, seems to wilt beside the amazing conquests of a few individual men who, unaided, have erected industrial towns on barren ground and made them prosper. One of the greatest examples of this is Cowley, the all-important suburb which has increased the prosperity of Oxford. It is Mr. W. R. Morris, the inventor of the Morris Oxford and Morris Cowley motor-cars, who saved Cowley from stagnation and built the town step by step, unaided. The population of Cowley is fixed at 2,800 inhabitants, who have been imported by Mr. Morris. When Mr. Morris built his first motor-bicycle in Cowley the old bearded farmers smiled.

They little knew of the genius among them. Port Sunlight was once only a hamlet without a place or name on the map until Lord Leverhulme decided to build there a model village, people it with his employees, and transform it into an industrial centre. The few inhabitants were swept away by the remorseless incoming tide of progression, and their places were filled by a thousand modern young men and women. The thatched cottages disappeared and attractive houses appeared in their stead.

Port Sunlight now covers an area of two hundred and forty acres, on which has grown up one of England's smallest but most modern of industrial towns. Lord Leverhulme built the town and endowed it with the spirit of his own indomitable will.

Another Triumph.
Bournville is yet another triumph for British industry, but each stone that was used to build a factory in that undeveloped corner of England tells a story of privation and self-sacrifice experienced by Mr. Cadbury, the idealist who erected and gave life to the model village.

In the first years, during the struggle to build Bournville and house his factory hands, Mr. Cadbury lived among his workers, cheered them by his presence. He was a dual personality; a ruthless taskmaster during working hours and their valued friend when the working day was ended.

No better index exists to testify to the growth of trade and the general prosperity of England than the growth of all those cities. Each small village that rises above itself and each town that becomes a city is an industrial triumph. What of the pioneers who built them? They are the inspiration of British industries and the ever-forgotten figures that add to the glory of English history.

F. W.

LENIN'S BRAIN.

EXAMINED BY BERLIN
PROFESSOR.

The *Moscow Pravda* reports a meeting of "responsible party workers," before whom the Berlin Professor, Focht read a paper on his examination of Lenin's brain. It appears that two years ago a special institute was formed at Moscow for the sole purpose of the examination of Lenin's brain by Professor Focht. Special machinery and instruments were ordered in German factories and a number of German scientists were engaged for the work. The present report (further investigations are being made) states that:

Lenin's mental life had a much richer material base and much more developed cells (than the average). His combination ability (Kombinatorikaya Spособnost) was much higher; this was proved by the greater development of the joints of the pyramidal cells; the feelings of reality and the checking of impressions were much higher. Ideas and impressions received in one place were checked and supplemented by a number of other pyramidal cells and their associates.

The work of comparing Lenin's brain with brains of ordinary people necessitated 34,000 incisions.

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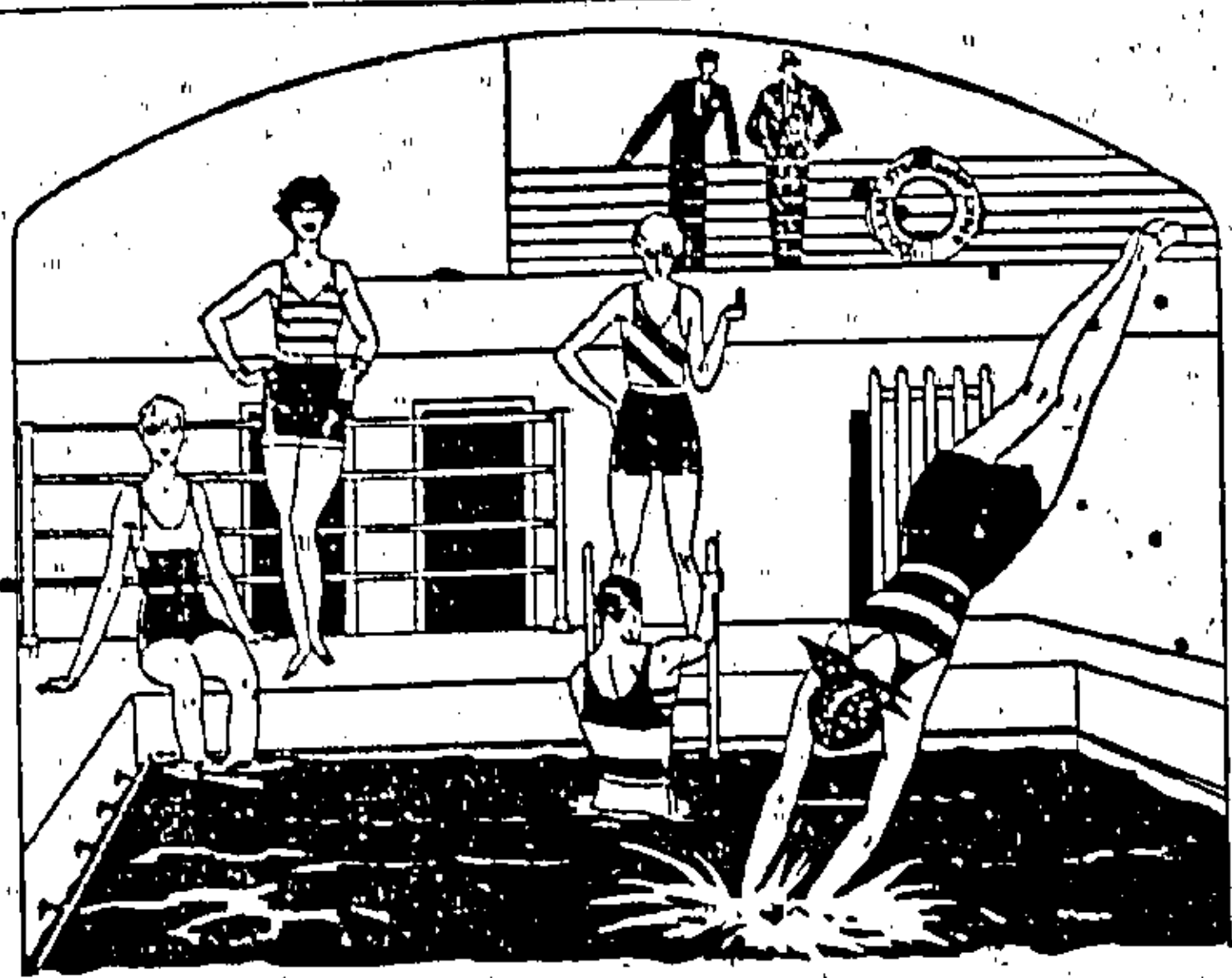
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The Ship.

The *Resolute*, a 29,000 ton, triple screw ship, is 320 feet long and 72 feet broad. She was especially constructed for cruising service, and their spaciousness and comfortable luxuries provide ideal facilities for a long voyage in the tropics.

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Moorehead*, *Wolverine*; South Wall Basin, *Sterling*, *Stormcloud*; East Wall Basin, *S.M. L.19, Faulkner*; North Arm, *Argus*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*; 1st Dock, *Herald*, *S.M. L.17*; No. 2 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 5 Buoy, *Irquois*; No. 6 Buoy, *Caroline*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanic*; No. 8 Buoy, *Amos*; No. 9 Buoy, *Sepoy*; No. 10 Buoy, *Scorpion*; No. 11 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Druse*; No. 20 Buoy, *Fortol*; No. 21 Buoy, *Belgo*; No. 22 Buoy, *Khark*; No. 23 Buoy, *Ruthenia*.
Foreign Men of War:—U.S.S. *Pampanga*, *Sacramento*.

"SIROCCO."

MR. NOEL COWARD'S NEW PLAY.

SNEERS AT ENGLISH CONVENTIONS.

LONDON, Nov. 26th.
A new Noel Coward play is still regarded as a big event, in spite of a recent failure.

Last night, when his very latest, "Sirocco," was produced at Daly's Theatre there was present the usual Coward audience, willing to laugh at everything they considered a "Noelism."

They even laughed when one of the characters remarked, "One of my greatest friends died of consumption."

Now, really, is there anything funny about that?

The scene is laid in Italy, and a story which supports Mr. Coward's light, bright, often cynical lines concerns a woman whose husband decides to go abroad on a business "deal," and who refuses to take his wife with him. The result is of the kind so familiar in many and many a film. "There is another!"

In this case he is a handsome "foreigner"—one might say a pretty foreigner, since the character is played by Ivor Novello. Naturally that clean-cut, cinema profile of his infatuated wife, even as it seemed to infatuate so many of an audience so largely composed of women.

Sneer At Conventions.

The story matters little. It is entirely artificial. The characters are puppets moved by the author's strings—not by human motives. There is no sign of any attempt at characterisation. No one has a soul. Several have a sneer—especially at the alleged dullness of English life and at English conventions.

Mr. Novello, disguised in a foreign accent, makes love and says "smart" things with the ease of one who is sure of his public. Miss Frances Doble does her best to get some colour out of a colourless part. Mr. Aubrey Mather is entirely a figure from farce, and Miss Ada King, Miss Margaret Watson, and Miss Helen Farrow show that they can give a little life blood to figures almost composed of sawdust.

There remains the dialogue, which has many a laugh in it, but which suggests that Mr. Coward is working more than a little too fast.

At his present pace his future threatens to "be behind him," to use an ancient Irishism.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

31st December, 1927. [5718]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 2nd.

Barometer	29.95	29.96	29.97
Temperature	65	65	62
Humidity	88	97	91
Wind	—	—	—
Direction	R	E	Calm
Force	3	2	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.33
Highest open-air Temperature, 1st: 65			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 2nd: 62			
B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.			

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This Vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf, B.S.N. and B. & P.S.N. Co's Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 19th January, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 30th Dec. 1927. [5716]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

29th December, 1927. [5707]

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29th December, 1927. [5704]

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From January 3rd to 8th, 1928

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

Day	Hour	High Water	Low Water
Tues.	8	h. m. 6 12	h. m. 0 13
Wed.	4	m. 7 31	m. 1 48
Thurs.	5	m. 7 04	m. 2 31
Fri.	6	m. 8 45	m. 3 10
Sat.	7	m. 10 42	m. 4 38
Sun.	8	m. 11 27	m. 5 40
Mon.	9	m. 10 10	m. 6 38

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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 3rd Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUSAN"	On 5th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 7th Jan.	8 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOL & HAIPHONG	"LINAN"	On 7th Jan.	Noon
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Jan.	7 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 9th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 9th Jan.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUNNING"	On 9th Jan.	3 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPEH"	On 12th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 14th Jan.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 14th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"KANGHOW"	On 15th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KINGYUAN"	On 15th Jan.	10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 15th Jan.	4 p.m.

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Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 30th.

Yagumo Maru, Japanese str., 3,324 tons, Capt. S. Hamaguchi, from Moji, which port she left on December 25th, with 500 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

December 31st.

Atlatit, Swedish str., 2,909 tons, Capt. Rathberg, from Chinwangtao, which port she left on December 21st, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laiolikok.—Dadwell & Co.

Botnia, Norwegian str., 340 tons, Capt. A. Hjalmar, from Samarinda, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 130.—Geo. Trimble & Co.

Chisima, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. R. Kellwell, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with general cargo and pigs, lying at buoy No. 121.—B. & S.

Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Capt. Olf S. Olsen, from Haiphong and Swatow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Thorsen & Co.

Hydangul, British str., 501 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 155 tons of general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Kanjo Maru, Japanese str., 2,744 tons, Capt. T. Yoshida, from Muroran, which port she left on December 15th, with a cargo of coal, lying at Yammato.—M.B.K.

Manila, Chinese str., 1,200 tons, Capt. V. W. Ching, from Port Kaituma, which port she left on December 20th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 151.—Yue Tai Hong.

Munda Maru, Japanese str., 1,255 tons, Capt. S. Ama, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 132.—O.S.K.

Peking Maru, Japanese str., Capt. A. Nagayama, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—N.Y.K.

President Harrison, American str., 6,105 tons, Capt. J. D. Guthrie, from San Francisco and Shanghai, which port she left on December 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 132.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Pyralis, British str., 4,814 tons, Capt. W. J. Elford, from Liverpool, which port she left on November 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Ryoko Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Capt. B. Yoshida, from Canton, lying at buoy No. 123.—M.B.K.

Saga Maru, Japanese str., 4,770 tons, Capt. R. Matsui, from Bombay via Singapore, the latter port she left on December 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—N.Y.K.

Saigun, British str., 1,504 tons, Capt. Wm. Lumsden, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—B. & S.

Sun Sai Kai, Chinese str., 212 tons, Capt. Han Fuk, from Kwong Chow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Sui Sang S.S. Co.

Takao Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Kowloon via Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Antau, with general cargo, lying at Luen Chong Wharf.—Fook Ho S.S. Co.

Taiwan Maru, Japanese str., 1,294 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Kowloon via Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

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Chik Sang, British str., 1,170 tons, Capt. J. McAlister, from Tientsin and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Chipping, British str., 1,100 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 132.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Engle, Chinese str., 855 tons, Capt. H. Maki, from Swatow and Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Yue Tai Hong.

Lingchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. W. J. Larber, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—B. & S.

Meigen Maru, Japanese str., 5,434 tons, Capt. J. Hashino, from Moji, which port she left on December 20th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Noriken, Norwegian str., 1,777 tons, Capt. Robert Jensen, from Singapore and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Fook Nuan S.S.

Phonphun, British str., 1,065 tons, Capt. A. W. Hall, from Saigon, which port she left on December 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Wo Fat Shing.

Sinkang, British str., 1,610 tons, Capt. J. Tinson, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 132.—B. & S.

Taiwan Maru, Japanese str., 1,981 tons, Capt. M. Karita, from Port Kaituma, with a cargo of coal, lying at Avachai.—M.B.K.

January 2nd.

Carmarthen, British str., 5,355 tons, Capt. H. S. Gulston, from Shanghai, which port she left on December 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kowloon, British str., 1,372 tons, Capt. A. J. Scott, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 130.—B. & S.

President McKinley, American str., 8,400 tons, Capt. W. O. Kohl, master, from Manila, which port she left on December 31st, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.

Santhin, British str., 4,841 tons, Capt. A. B. D'Cruz, from Calcutta via Swatow, the former port she left on December 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. *President McKinley*, from Manila, on January 2nd.—For Hong Kong, Mr. D. Chadduck, Mr. Chick Tse Yau, Mr. Li Hok Kan and Mr. W. J. Sawyer. Among passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Capt. A. J. Harris, Lt. A. E. True, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tyrrell, Miss O. Young and Lt. Comdr. E. M. Zacharias, for Shanghai; Mrs. J. L. Poulton, Miss A. Pendleton and Mrs. W. C. Rogers, for Kobe; Mr. S. M. Finn, for Yokohama; Mrs. J. Boardman, Mr. S. Castaneda, Miss J. D. Cole, Capt. N. E. Cook, Miss N. T. Fogarty, Mrs. M. E. Irwin, Miss Mary Carlett and Miss Grace Reid, for San Francisco.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan and Shanghai on December 31st, and is due here on January 3rd.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* (from Manila), is due here this (Tuesday) morning, and will berth at Kowloon Dock.

The s.s. *Alfred Taylor* (H.A.L.), left Singapore on December 30th at 1 p.m., and is due here on Thursday, January 3rd.

The motor vessel *Japanese Prince*, from N. Y. York, sailed from Shanghai on Saturday afternoon, and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong to-day (Tuesday) at daylight.

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